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MINUTES, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WESTERN FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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Pittsburgh, Nov. 1st, 1851

The Exec. Committee of the Western For. Miss. Society met in the Lecture Room of the 1st Pres. Church, agreeably to an order of the Board of Directors and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Dr. Herron with Messrs. John Hannen &

L. Halsey James Wilson

A. D. Campbell Elders

Mos. D. Baird

E. P. Swift, Corres. Sec.y of the Society and member of the Committee, and clerk ex-Officio.-

Absent, Rev. E. Macurdy, Treas. of the Society by special appointment of Synod,-Rev. Rob. Patterson, with Messrs. Saal. Thompson and F. G. Bailey, Elders.

The Rev. Dr. Herron was appointed chairman of the Committee.- on motion, it was

Resolved that the Ex. Committee hereafter meet statedly in the Session Room of the 1st Church on the 1st Monday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M.

Messrs. Baird and Swift were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the circular letter presented by the Corresponding Secretary and report in connection with it a plan for Aux.Societies.

Adjourned to meet on the 9th inst. at 2 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Minutes, Ex. Com. W.F.M.S.

Nov. 9th, 1831, 2 o'clock P. M. the Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Campbell and Swift, with Messrs. Thompson, Wilson and Bailey, Elders.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of the circular letter and a plan of Aux. Societies reported, when the papers presented by them were read and adopted, with the exception of the circular, which was committed to Messrs. Halsey & Swift to make some verbal alterations, and superintend the publication of the same.

A form of commission and instructions, for agents, was also reported by the Secy. read, adopted and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to meet on the 16th inst. at 2 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Herron, Baird, Campbell and Swift, with Mr. J. Hannen, Elder.

The Cor. Sec'y stated that the circular letter presented and referred at the last meeting was now printed and ready for distribution. On motion,

Resolved that the Cor. Sec'y be authorized and directed to endorse, and forward these circulars to all the ministers of this Synod and so far as copies will go, to such ministers, and elders, in other parts of the Pres. Church, as he may think expedient, especially to such as may be supposed to be favorable to our organization. On motion,

Resolved that agents be appointed in each of the several Presbyteries of the Pres. Church in which anything is likely to be done for this Society, and that commissions be sent to them under the direction of the chairman and Sec'y who were authorized to select and commission the same.

The chairman and Sec'y were also authorized and directed to prepare and transmit letters to the Societies of Enquiry on Missions, in the Theological Seminaries at Princeton, & Allegheny-town calling their attention to the subject of Foreign Missions and the purposes and wants of this Society.

Adjourned to meet on the 1st Monday in December. Concluded with prayer.

Dec. 5th, 1831. A few of the members of the Committee met at the usual time and place, but in consequence of the absence of some of the members, from the city, and the decease of a member of the family of one of the others, the Committee adjourned without constituting.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 2nd, 1832. The Ex. Committee of the Western Foreign Missionary Society met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Baird, Campbell & Swift with Messrs. Thompson & Hannen, Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Sec'y laid several communications, which had been received since the last meeting before the Committee, as also a copy of the letter which had been transmitted to the Society of enquiry of Princeton, which were severally read. These documents comprised letters from the Rev. Drs. Alexander, Green and Miller, and the Hon. W. Lowrie, expressing their approbation of the Society and their acceptance of offices to which they had been appointed, a letter from the Prud. Committee of the Am. Board, and one from the Rev. Dr. Alexander on the subject of our African Missions.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 16, 1832. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Herron, Baird, Halsey, Campbell & Swift, with Mr. Barclay, Elder.

Messrs. Baird and Campbell were appointed a committee to propose a code of by-laws for the regulation of the proceedings of the Committee & report the same, at the next meeting. On motion,

RESOLVED that hereafter the stated meetings of this Committee be held on the last Tuesday in each month at 10 o'clock A. M.

A communication was received from Mr. J. B. Pinney, a student of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, stating his purpose to devote himself to the work of preaching the gospel among the heathen and submitting certain enquiries to the Committee in reference to the contemplated African Mission. Letters were also laid before the Committee from Mr. William Reed and Mr. J. C. Lowrie, members of the Western Theo. Seminary, expressing their desire to be taken under the care and direction of the Society as ** of January 11, 1832. On motion,

Resolved that this Committee receive with great pleasure, and sincere gratitude to God, the expression of these sentiments and determinations on the part of these young brethren, and that the two latter whose wishes are fully expressed on that subject be and they hereby are taken under the care of this Committee with a view of their ultimate engagement in the work of Foreign Missions.

Messrs. Swift and Halsey were appointed a Committee to prepare and lay before the Committee a Memoir, in relation to the contemplated African Mission.

The Sec'y was authorized, at such time as he may think proper, to publish the letter received from the Rev. Dr. Miller, with such other statements and information as he may think useful in relation to the state and prospects of this Society.

Adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday of January at 10 o'clock A. M.
Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, January 31, 1832. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Campbell and

Swift, with Mr. James Wilson, Elder.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. A circular letter to the several Presbyteries inviting them to unite and co-operate with this Society in the great work of Foreign Missions was submitted by the Sec'y, read, and approved and ordered to be printed. On motion,

Resolved that in view of the Spiritual wants of the Continent of Africa, this Committee will make it their first object if the providence of God shall seem to open the way to plant a Mission, at some suitable place on that Continent as soon as the requisite measures can be adopted to effect that important end. On motion,

Resolved that in view of the contemplated operations of this Society, as appeal in its behalf be made to the churches in the cities of Philadelphia and New York, and that with this view and otherwise to promote the objects of this Society, the Cor. Sec'y be appointed to visit these places, as an agent of the Board at some convenient time, early in the ensuing spring. The Rev. Dr. Herron was appointed. On motion,

Resolved that from what this Committee know of Mr. J. D. Pinney, from his written communication to them, and from other sources they are prepared to receive him under their care and direction as a missionary to the heathen and that the said relation be understood as duly formed when he shall signify his concurrence in the same. The Cor. Sec'y was directed to write to Mr. Pinney and transmit a copy of this resolution.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 14, 1852. The Ex. Committee of the W.F.M.Society met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Herron, Baird, R. Patterson, Halsey, Campbell and Swift, with Mr. J. Hannen, Elder. The Rev. Jas. Graham being present was invited to sit and participate in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Committee on the subject of by-laws stated that they had not yet attended to that business and were continued to report at the next meeting.

A motion was made that the contemplated African Mission be located on St. Paul's river in the vicinity of the colony of Liberia, and the subject of the most eligible position for a Mission discussed at length, but no decision taken.

On motion,

Resolved that the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the Rev. Messrs. Jo. Witherspoon, of N. Car. John Gray & J. H. Costner of New Jersey for their proffered aid in promoting the objects of this Society, and that they be respectfully requested to adopt the measures suggested in their communication. On motion,

Resolved that measures be immediately taken to organize Aux. Societies in the several Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod. Mr. Campbell was appointed to act as an Agent in and for the Presbytery of Ohio, in carrying this resolution into effect. Whereas it is a matter of great importance that the several congregations in the other Presbyteries of Synod should likewise be organized in connection with this Society soon, therefore,

Resolved that the members of this Board of Directors in each of these Pres. be earnestly requested to take measures to have this important work done within their respective limits as soon as possible and if it can be before the next stated meeting of the Presbyteries.

Adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday in Feb. at 10 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 28, 1932. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Patterson, Campbell and Swift, with Messrs. Hannen and Wilson, Elders.

A motion was made that the vote appointing the Sec'y to go on an agency

to Philadelphia and New York this spring, to make an appeal in behalf of the Society in the churches in these and other places be rescinded. After some discussion the subject was deferred to the next stated meeting of the Committee.

The Committee on the subject of by-laws reported, and after some discussion the following rules were adopted, viz: (No rules given)

Pittsburgh, March 27, 1852. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Herron, Baird, Patterson, Halsey, Campbell and Swift, with Mr. Bailey, Elder. After some time spent in devotional exercises, the consideration of the resolution in reference to the location of a Mission on St. Paul's river was resumed. After some discussion the said resolution being amended, was adopted and is as follows, viz:

Resolved that leaving the question of a Mission to Central Africa, for future consideration, this Committee will undertake as soon as practicable to establish a Mission at Liberia or its vicinity for the benefit of the native population of that part of Africa.

Resolved that Messrs. Halsey and Campbell be a Committee to prepare and submit a report in reference to the subject on which, and the persons from whom information should be sought by the Committee as preparatory to the establishment of this Mission. The Committee resumed to consideration of the motion made at the last meeting to rescind the appointment of the agency of the Secretary to the eastern cities this spring, when after further discussion the question was taken and decided in the negative. On motion,

Resolved that the travelling expenses of the Sec'y in the fulfillment of this appointment be paid out of the funds of the Society and that provision be made for the supply of his pulpit during his absence. On motion,

Resolved that the Sec'y be authorized to prepare and transmit a letter

to Mr. Pinney in reply to his enquiries without the transcription of a copy of the same.

Messrs. Swift, Halsey and Campbell were appointed a Committee, to consider and report on the manner in which the agents of this Society shall be instructed to operate in the different congregations and Presbyteries of the Presbyterian church so as not to interfere with the efforts of the Am. Board, or impair the good understanding between that Board and this Society, it is the purpose of this Committee to preserve.

Adjourned to meet on the 9th of April next. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, April 9, 1832

The Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present Rev. Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Laird and Swift, with Mr. Wilson, Elder. Messrs. Halsey, Campbell and Hannen, also appeared during the session of the Committee, and took their seats.

After some time spent in devotional exercises, the Committee proceeded to business. Mr. J. B. Pinney was appointed to act as an agent for the Society, during the six weeks of the vacation in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, to solicit funds and form Aux. Societies within the bounds of the Presbytery of New-Castle, provided the way shall not be open in that, then within the bounds of the Presbytery of Carlisle or such other field as may hereafter be designated. On motion,

Resolved that in case of the expected licensure of Mr. L. Young, he be employed as an agent during the spring vacation within the bounds of the Presbytery of Stubeaville. The Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of instructions to be given to agents, reported, when on motion it was

Resolved that in order to avoid collision and discordance between the friends and agents of this Society and the American Board, it be understood as a standing rule, that our agents shall if possible previously ascertain when

and where preferences exist in favor of acting with that Board, and where they exist they shall pass by all such congregations without making an effort to present the claims of this Society except on special request from the parties concerned.

Resolved that in the estimation of this Committee, Brethren going on Foreign Missions would do well to obtain some general knowledge of the principles of medicine or the healing art, wherever circumstances will allow them to do so.

The Secretary was authorized to receive the account and pay the sum due Messrs. McClain for printing the circulars and blank commissions ordered by the Committee. Mr. Campbell from the Committee on the subject of information in respect to Africa, appointed at the last meeting, reported. The report was amended, and adopted and is as follows, viz: (No report)

Pittsburgh, June 26, 1832. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to public notice previously given and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift, Hannen, Wilson and Thompson.

The Annual Report of this Committee to be submitted to the Board of Directors at their adjourned annual meeting, having been prepared by the Secretary was read, amended and ordered to be laid before the Board.

Mr. John C. Lowrie, licentiate of the Presbytery of Ohio, and a missionary under the direction of this Society, was appointed an agent to spend the summer within the bounds of this Synod in making collections and forming Aux. Societies, to receive during the time in which he is employed the sum of \$80 per month, he providing his own outfit and sustaining his own travelling expenses. The Treasurer announced to the Committee that he had recently received from the Hon. Walter Lowrie, the father of our missionary, the sum of \$1000 as

a donation to the Society, whereupon, on motion,

Resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to tender to Mr. Lowrie, the thanks of this Committee for this splendid act of Christian liberality.

Adjourned - concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 31, 1882. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swit, Hannen, Wilson and Bailey, and subsequently Messrs. Baird and Campbell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Rev. Dr. Herron was reappointed Chairman of the Committee.

The Secretary stated that agreeably to an order of the Board he had settled with Messrs. McClain for printing and had given them an order on the Treasurer for the sum of \$22.50, they having made a deduction of \$6.25 in favor of the Society. A letter was read from a member of the Committee of the Presbytery of Richland, on the subject of a contemplated connection of that body with this Society, as a constituent part of the same, and the Secretary was directed to reply to it, and transmit copies of the documents already published by the Committee, therein referred to.

The Annual Report submitted to the Board of Directors at their last annual meeting was committed for publication to the Chairman and Secretary with authority to append to it such additional information as they may think proper, in order to give a fuller view of the present state and prosperity of the Society.

The Treasurer was authorized to loan such funds as may come into his hands as may not be needed on the most favorable terms which can be obtained with proper Securities; said funds being subject to the recall of the Committee on a reasonable notice.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Brewer, Missionary in Greece, directed to the Board of this Society, accompanied with one from two gentlemen belonging to the isle of Patmos, was read and ordered to be published in the Ch. Herald. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Brewer acknowledging the same, proposing such enquiries in reference to that field as may occur to him, and requesting a continuance of his correspondence with the Committee.

Mr. J. B. Pinney was appointed to act as an agent for the Society in the southern states during the coming autumn and winter: and the sum of \$50 per month (the same covering his travelling expenses) were allowed him during his employment in the southern country as an agent of the Society.

Resolved that Mr. Pinney be advised to accept the offer of the Presbytery of Hopewell to sustain his expenses when, and from the time that he shall go out as a missionary to Africa. On motion,

Resolved that the Secretary be directed to write to the Prud. Committee of the Am. Board of Commissions for F. M. respectfully requesting of them information as to the rules adopted by that Society in relation to the support of missionaries both before and after their establishment in their respective fields of labour: as to their views of the expediency of the marriage of missionaries, previously to their entrance upon their missionary field in foreign lands.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 28, 1852. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to appointment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Thompson, Wilson, Hannan and Bailey: and before the close Mr. Patterson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Secretary presented letters from Mr. Pinney and one from the Rev. Dr. Miller, on the subject of the expediency of sending out two missionaries this autumn, with the view of exploring the district of country, to Africa,

contiguous to the colony of Liberia and fixing upon a proper site for the contemplated Mission. These communications were read and after mature deliberation, on motion, it was

Resolved that if any Missionary Brother can be obtained to go out with Mr. Pinney and if it shall be found practicable to make suitable provision for the same, that these Missionaries be sent to Africa, during the course of the coming autumn and the Secretary was directed to apprise Mr. Pinney as soon as possible of this determination.

The Secretary and Dr. Halsey were appointed a Committee to draw up a form of instructions to be given them, on their entrance upon this Mission, and submit the same to the Committee.

Mr. John C. Lowrie was appointed to attend the next annual meetings of the Synods of Ohio and Kentucky, with a view to present the wants and the claims of the Western Foreign Missionary Society to these bodies and secure their co-operation: as also Mr. Barr in case he becomes connected with this Society as a missionary to the Heathen, to attend the meetings of the Synod of Cincinnati, - and Mr. Pinney those of Virginia and North Carolina. The Rev. Mr. Jennings was also appointed to attend the Synod of West Tennessee for the like purpose and also to visit such places within its bounds as an Agent of the Society as he may find convenient.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday the _____ of September next at 10 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

(No date) The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Campbell and Swift.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Secretary stated that a communication had been made to him in behalf of a Miss Martha Bone of Xenia, Ohio, who had expressed a willingness to be em-

ployed as an Assistant Missionary to the Heathen. The application was ordered to be entered and the Secretary was authorized to make such a reply as may appear to him most proper and expedient. On motion, it was

Resolved that all communications to the Committee in reference to formally proposing to become or in reference to their becoming Assistant Missionaries be considered as confidential at least so far as names and places are concerned.

The Secretary laid before the Committee letters from Mr. Pinney and Mr. Reed, - and also one from Mr. Joseph R. Barr, a member of the Theological Seminary, Princeton, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, expressing his willingness to connect himself with this Society as a Missionary to Africa, and to embark with Mr. Pinney if the Committee shall so order. In connexion with this communication the Committee received ample testimonials as to the moral and Christian character of Mr. Barr, and his qualifications for a Missionary to the Heathen. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. Barr be and he hereby is received and taken under the care of this Society, and that he be associated with Mr. Pinney in the work of exploring and fixing upon a Missionary Station or Stations in Africa and in acting as a permanent laborer in that field.

The Secretary in his contemplated journey to the East with a view to make collections in aid of this enterprize, and to make arrangements for the departure of the Missionaries, was authorized to determine upon the time and place of the ordination of Mr. Pinney, and of the embarkation of the Missionaries for Africa. On motion,

Resolved that the Presbytery of Cincinnati be requested in case the way shall be opened to them, to ordain Mr. Barr to the work of the gospelministry in time to join Mr. Pinney at the place of departure for Africa. Mr. Loyal Young was appointed to act for three months from the 1st of November next as an Agent of this Society.

Adjourned to meet on the call of the Secretary. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, September 14, 1832. The Ex. Committee met on the call of the Secretary and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Patterson, Halsey, Swift and Wilson; and subsequently Mr. Campbell. Mr. Barr, being present was introduced to the Committee. On motion,

Resolved that in case Mr. Jennings fulfills the appointment already made to attend the Synod of West Tenn. the Committee will endeavour to see that his pulpit is supplied during his absence. The resolution passed at the last meeting in reference to the ordination of Mr. Barr be rescinded and the same order be given with respect to his ordination as that of Mr. Pinney. On motion,

Resolved that Messrs. Pinney and Barr be and they are hereby appointed Agents of the Board to solicit and receive contributions and donations in aid of the African Mission wherever they may find it convenient, and that the Secretary furnish them with commission accordingly.

Messrs. Baird and Campbell were added to the Committee to prepare instructions for the Missionaries about to sail for Africa.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

(Sept. 15, 1832) Saturday morning 10 o'clock. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Campbell, Swift, Hannen, Bailey and Wilson.

The Committee proceeded to open a subscription in aid of the Mission. On motion,

Resolved that the Secretary be authorized and directed to procure all such articles as may be necessary for the purposes of the Mission to Africa, including such things, as presents for the chiefs in Africa, as may be required by

and placed at the disposal of the Missionaries.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Washington, Pa., Oct. 19, 1862. The Ex. Committee met this evening on the call of the Secretary (he having just arrived from attending the ordination of Messrs. Barr and Pinney, our Missionaries to Africa) and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Swift and Hannen.

From communications received from the Missionaries, and Statements made by the Secretary it appeared that the Missionaries to Africa were anxious to have some alterations made in the instructions which were sent them, in respect to the field of their labor, before leaving this country, whereupon on motion,

Resolved that the said instructions be so altered and amended that the 2nd paragraph in the said Document shall read as follows, viz: "The particular service which is assigned you, will be so far to explore the interior of country back of Liberia and Sierra-Leone, as to ascertain and select the most eligible positions for Missionary Stations in that region, and finally to settle and commence Missionary operations at some one of the positions so designated as soon as circumstances will permit," and that other parts of the said instrument be so altered as to accord with this change.

The Committee had a recess to meet on the call of the Chairman.

Monday, Oct. 22nd. The Committee met and on motion, it was

Resolved that the Synod of Pittsburgh now in session be respectfully requested to recommend to all the churches within their bounds, where such recommendation may be applicable, the observance of the Monthly Concert of prayer; and a particular remembrance in the supplication of that interesting occasion, of the Missionaries about to embark for Africa under the direction of the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

2 Resolved that they also be requested to designate the first Monday in December next as a season when the churches within their bounds may especially offer their prayers to the God of Missions in behalf of this important enterprise, and to invite all the friends of the Heathen throughout the Presbyterian church to unite with them in this appointment. On motion,

Resolved that the thanks of this Committee be respectfully tendered to the Rev. Dr. Alexander - the Rev. Dr. Miller - and the Rev. Dr. Green, for the sermon, charge and address delivered by them respectively at the ordination of the Missionaries in Philadelphia, and they they be requested to furnish copies of the same for publication.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 8, 1832. The Ex. Committee met on call of the Chairman and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Thompson and Wilson.

The Secretary laid before the Committee, among other letters, two from our Missionary, Mr. Pinney, announcing the sudden death, by cholera, at Richmond, Va., of his associate, Mr. Barr, five or six days before the time when they had expected to embark at Norfolk, for Africa; and requesting such directions from the Committee, as may be requisite in consequence of this solemn, and afflicting dispensation.

When these communications had been read the Committee ordered the following notice to be entered on their records, viz:

The Ex. Committee of the Western Foreign Missionary Society received with deep sorrow, and they hope with sincere humiliation before God, the affecting intelligence, of the sudden removal from their service, of one, whose amiable character, - and purest piety, and whose peculiar qualification for, and devotion to the cause of Missions had awakened in their minds high expectations of his usefulness to the benighted tribes of Africa. Mr. Barr had at the close of

his 2nd year, voluntarily dissolved his connection with the Theological Seminary at Princeton, expressly to engage in the African Mission; and having with his associate, Mr. Pinney, been recently ordained to the work of the Ministry, at the request of the Committee and proceeded to Norfolk, the place of intended embarkation, he made an excursion to the city of Richmond with a view to present the claims of the Mission to the Christians of that metropolis. Here he made his appointments for preaching on the Sabbath, and retired to rest on Saturday evening but slightly indisposed. Between one and two o'clock on Sabbath morning he was violently attacked with the prevailing epidemic, and so rapid was the progress of his malady, that it terminated fatally at 3 o'clock P. M. of that day, leaving his Missionary brother, and this Society, as well as the church of God at large, to mourn the removal from the vineyard of the Lord, of a judicious, devoted and promising young Minister of Christ, and from an important Missionary enterprize just about to be commenced, a servant of God who was to human view, especially fitted for that particular field of labor. To the Missionary cause and to the Western Foreign Missionary Society, the disease of this young man, at such a crisis, as this, is indeed a deep affliction, and one which calls for deep humility and earnest prayer on the part of all who are engaged in the hallowed work of sending the gospel to the Heathen. But this Committee while they feel the magnitude of the loss which they have sustained, would not forget that however mysterious the work and way of God, it belongs to them humbly to acquiesce in it, as holy, just and good; nor would they forget that in the fact that our young brother not only died amidst the kind attention of Christian friends, and in a calm and unclouded frame of mind, but has left the pleasing hope that his departed spirit has entered into the heavenly rest, there is much for which sincere gratitude to the great Disposer of events is due; and in fine they would feel that this sudden and mournful dispensation instead of producing distrust and despondency in regard to the great work of Missions, and the prosecution of the Mission to Africa, should incite them and all who are united with

them in it to redoubled zeal and diligence in this sacred cause, remembering that though its ardent and valued servants may fall at the very commencement of their enlistment, the great Captain of Salvation lives and reigns forever, still to love and prosper the Missionary cause, and still to reiterate to his living servants, the great "Go ye into all the earth, and preach the gospel to every creature." On motion,

Resolved that the thanks of this Committee be respectfully tendered to our Christian friends in the city of Richmond, Va., who so kindly ministered to the comfort of our departed brother, and beloved Missionary, Mr. Barr, during his last illness and death, for their friendly attentions and Christian hospitality on that mournful occasion.

Resolved that this Committee are ready to erect a suitable memorial to the memory of our deceased Missionary whenever the wishes of his relatives on that subject shall be made known to the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of that part of Mr. Pinney's letter which relates to his prosecution of the Mission, when the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, 1st. that this Committee are highly gratified with the sentiments which Mr. Pinney expressed in view of the existing circumstances of the African Mission, and his willingness to advance in that arduous undertaking.

Resolved that through the afflictive dispensation of Providence which the Committee have been unexpectedly called to record may for a time suspend their movements it is still their determination to prosecute the object of establishing a Mission in Africa and to send Mr. Pinney to that field as soon as any suitable brother, or brethren, can be found willing to embark with him in that enterprize.

Mr. Pinney was directed to proceed upon his agency through the States of N. and S. Carolina to the city of Savannah, in Georgia, to arrive there in time to receive further advices from the Committee at an early day.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 20th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 20, 1832. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Swift and Bailey, and before the close of the session, Prof. Halsey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Letters from the Rev. Thomas Barr and from our Missionary, Mr. Pinney, were read: the latter requesting further directions from the Committee on the subject of his embarking for Africa, etc. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the subject of authorizing Mr. Pinney to proceed on his Mission, when, on motion, it was

Resolved that if no associate should in the meantime be afforded Mr. Pinney be and he hereby is authorized and (if no reflection he shall be so inclined) directed to proceed on the Mission: to embark for Africa at the first convenient opportunity.

2. Resolved that if Mr. Pinney should be called in the Providence of God to proceed on this Mission alone he be advised if possible to obtain a suitable person of approved character for piety and integrity to accompany him in his travels to the interior as specified in his instructions.

The Rev. Thomas Barr was respectfully requested to collect such facts, letters, &c. toward printing a Memoir of our late Missionary, the Rev. Jos. W. Barr, as it may be in his power to obtain. The Secretary and Mr. Baird were authorized to publish in the Herald such parts of the letters now received, and the Minutes of the Committee as they may think proper and useful.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 27, 1832. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and

constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Macurdy, Patterson, Baird, Campbell and Swift.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read; and one or two letters submitted.

The Rev. C. P. Swift tendered to the Committee the resignation of his offices, as Corresponding, and Recording Secretary, inasmuch as the time had in his view arrived, when the exclusive services of some officer, should be obtained.

On motion,

Resolved that this resignation be accepted; that Mr. Swift be continued to act until a permanent officer be obtained, and that he be considered as ex-officio a member of the Committee. On motion,

Resolved that the Rev. Messrs. Campbell and Patterson, be a Committee to devise ways and means for raising a salary sufficient for the compensation of a Corresponding Secretary.

Adjourned to meet in this place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 28, 1832. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Macurdy, Patterson, Blair, Campbell and Swift.

The Rev. Schermerhorn, one of the Commissioners appointed by the government to visit the territory assigned to the Indian tribes in the West for the place of their future settlement, was introduced to the Committee by the Rev. Mr. Macurdy, and being inlisted took his seat with the Committee. The Rev. Mr. Schermerhorn having explained his views and the objects of his appointment, on motion, it was

Resolved that Mr. S. be respectfully requested to correspond with the Corresponding Secretary of this Society on all such subjects connected with Missions among the Indian tribes in the West as to him may appear expedient and

that he be particularly requested to communicate information to this Committee respecting the present state and future prospects of the various tribes of Indians, which he may have the opportunity of visiting in his present expectation.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the communications of Messrs. Lowrie and Reed in reference to the field of their future labors and the time of their contemplated departure from this country, when it was

Resolved that in accordance with their wishes the region of Northern India be fixed as the place of their destination; with the understanding that if on acquiring further information they shall wish a change in this destination, the Committee will take the same into consideration.

2. Resolved that it is the intention of this Committee Providence permitting to dispatch this Mission for India as early in the next Spring as shall be practicable.

The Secretary was authorized to pay from time to time the amount of his postage and draw on the Treasurer for the same.

The Secretary was also directed to write to Mr. Sol. Allen of Philadelphia and request him to give Mr. Pinney a letter of credit amounting to \$500.

Adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday in December. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 20, 1832. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to notice from the Chairman and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift, Thompson and Bailey.

On motion,

Resolved that when this Committee adjourns, they adjourn to meet on Thursday instead of Tuesday of next week.

Mr. Baird, acting President of the Society stated that as the contemplated appointment of a Corresponding Secretary was a matter of great importance to the interests of the Society and as it had been suggested as expedient and

proper that the Board of Directors should be convened to deliberate on that subject and make that appointment, he had requested a meeting of the Committee that he might obtain their advice on that subject, On motion,

Resolved that the acting President be requested to call a meeting of the Board of Directors as soon as the Constitution will allow to deliberate and act upon this business.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday of next week at 10 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 27, 1832. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Halsey & Swift.

The Committee appointed to devise ways and means for the support of the Corresponding Secretary reported, and their report was referred to the Board of Directors. A communication was received from Mr. J. Cloud offering to put himself under the care and direction of this Society as a Missionary to the Heathen. The subject of this letter was deferred till the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Egleson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Steubenville, was appointed to act as our Agent for this Society for 2 or 3 months, his route to be designated by the Corresponding Secretary, and he to receive at the rate of \$33.33-1/3 cents for his services.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Thursday the 3rd of January next at 10 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, January 3, 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Patterson, Campbell, Swift, Halsey, Thompson and Bailey.

On motion the following minute was adopted, viz. Whereas some of the friends of the Western Foreign Missionary Society have expressed in different ways, a desire to understand the views of this Society with reference to Indian Missions, therefore

Resolved that it accords with the plan and purposes of this Society to embark in Missions to the Indian tribes west of the Mississippi river whenever God in his Providence shall be pleased to open the way for undertaking that important work. The Secretary and Prof. Halsey were appointed a Committee to enquire into the several matters connected with the contemplated Mission to India, and report on the same at the next stated meeting of the Committee.

Adjourned to meet in this place on the last Tuesday in January next at 10 o'clock A. M. or on the call of the Secretary. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 29, 1838. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Thompson, Bailey and Hannen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Communications from the Hon. W. Lowrie and our missionary Mr. Pinney were laid before the Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of \$106.50 in payment for a hoghead of Tobacco, purchased for the African Mission. He was also directed to write to Mr. McPhail of Norfolk requesting to forward the trunks of the late Mr. Barr to the care of A. George & co. Baltimore.

The Committee having heard that the Rev. John W. Parsons of the State of Indiana and Mr. Wilson of Cincinnati were inclined to place themselves under the direction of this Society, the one as a missionary and the other as teacher for the African Mission, the Secretary was authorized to open a corres-

pondence with them on that subject.

The Secretary was also instructed to write to the Rev. Dr. Blackburn, of Kentucky and the Rev. Mr. Stiles of Georgia, on the subject of engaging us Agents in the service of this Society.

The Secretary having made a report on the subject of the collection of materials for a memoir of the Rev. Mr. Barr, on motion, it was

Resolved that the whole subject of the preparation and publication of that work be referred to the Corresponding Secretary and Mr. Patterson to make arrangements on the subject and report to the Committee at some future meeting.

The Rev. Mr. Baird and the Secretary were appointed a Committee to draw up a general summary of the duties of the permanent Corresponding Secretary of this Society as contemplated on the plan adopted by the Board when the appointment was made and report the same at the next meeting of the Committee. The communication from Mr. John Cloud offering himself as a missionary under the direction of this Society and which had been deferred till this time, was taken up, and the Committee

Resolved that Mr. Cloud be and he hereby is accepted as an Assistant Missionary: to be connected with the contemplated Western Mission in the belief on the part of the Committee that his qualifications are best fitted for that field.

Written communications were also received from Messrs. James Wilson and Joseph Kerr, members of the Western Theological Seminary, tendering themselves to this Society, as Missionaries to the Heathen. On motion,

Resolved that the proposal of these young Brethren be accepted and that they be and hereby are taken under the direction of this Western Foreign Missionary Society, as candidates for the Missionary Service.

The Secretary being asked stated that he had not yet decided the question as to his acceptance of the office to which he had been chosen by the Board. Messrs. Patterson, Baird and Thompson were appointed a Committee on the subject

of devising ways and means for raising the sum to be allowed as the salary of the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Society, to report at the next meeting of the Committee.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock A. M.
Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 4, 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Campbell, Swift and Thompson. The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Committee appointed on the subject of the salary of the Corresponding Secretary reported and the report was read and adopted and is as follows, viz.

The Committee are of opinion, that the most eligible plan for raising a fund is presented in the following resolution, which is recommended.

Resolved that each minister and elder, now members of the Board, in the several Presbyteries of the Synod of Pittsburgh, be appointed and instructed, a minister and elder together as a committee, to open a subscription of voluntary contribution for this special object, yearly, and that the result be by them reported and paid over annually, at the meeting of the Synod, to the Treasurer of the Board, and that the premium of service to this officer should not be less than one thousand dollars.

The Committee appointed to draw up a general summary of the duties of the Corresponding Secretary reported and their report was read and adopted and is as follows, viz,

The time having arrived when the business of the Western Foreign Missionary Society requires the whole labours of an individual as Corresponding Secretary and General Agent to carry forward its different operations, it is important both to the Society and to himself that the duties of that office should

be distinctly understood, Therefore,

Resolved by the Ex. Committee that the following summary shall be considered as comprising the duties which shall pertain to that officer at least for the present, in the exercise of his high and important functions.

"1. To conduct the general correspondence of the Society both Foreign and Domestic - to prepare Missionary papers for distribution among the friends of the cause; to write the reports - appeals to the Christian public; - instructions to Missionaries and other public documents.

2. To exercise a general superintendance of our Missions abroad; and of Auxiliaries at home; to provide and direct Agents; procure information with a view to the establishment of Missions; or the enlargement of such as have been already established.

3. To visit Ecclesiastical Indicators - Colleges and Theological Seminaries with a view to promote the interests of the Missionary cause; to exercise a special agency in the selection and designation of Missionaries; to conduct the intercourse with the friends of Missions; to prepare business for the action of the Committee; to keep a regular record of its proceedings; as well as a duplicate of all important letters so that a full and clear history of all the transactions of the Board may be preserved.

In fine it is expected of the Secretary that he should have a superintendence of the entire concern in its several departments and its diversified operations; devise plans, measures and means to carry it forward, and give such an impulse and direction to every part of it as may be best calculated to secure its interesting and important ends."

Messrs. Campbell and Baird were appointed a Committee to take measures.

Messrs. Patterson and Baird were appointed a Committee to prepare a circular letter to be addressed to the members of the board in the several Presbyteries on the subject of subscriptions for the support of the Corresponding Secretary and a form of subscription proper to be appended to and accompany the same.

Mr. Lowrie now residing at the Theological Seminary at Princeton, having suggested to the Committee that some important items of information in reference to India might be obtained from the Rev. Mr. Graves lately from Bombay, as preparatory to the departure of our Mission for that country, on motion

Resolved that Mr. Lowrie be authorized to proceed to Boston and confer with Mr. Graves on these subjects.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Baird, Patterson and Swift.

The Committee on the subject of a circular letter reported. This report having been read and considered was re-committed to the same Committee to write and forward copies of the same to each of the directors of the several Presbyteries with the intimation that they are appointed Agents to obtain subscriptions in their respective Presbyteries.

Messrs. Campbell and Bailey were appointed a Committee to obtain subscriptions in the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, - Messrs. Patterson and Thompson in the Second and Messrs. T. F. Halsey and Hannen in Alleghany town.

The Secretary submitted a letter announcing his acceptance of the office of Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Society and requesting that measures might be taken to effect the dissolution of his Pastoral charge of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city.

Mr. Herron was appointed to preach in the said church on Sabbath next and to inform the congregation of the intention of the Committee to prosecute before the Presbytery of Ohio, their call for the above object.

A resolution was also passed requesting the Moderator of Presbytery to call a pro renata meeting of the said Body to meet in the 2nd Pres. church on Wednesday the 26 of February next at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock A. M.
Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, February 18, 1855. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Baird, Patterson, Campbell, Swift, Hannen, Wilson and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. Baird be appointed to conduct the application in respect to the dismissal of Mr. Swift from his present charge, before the Presbytery of Ohio, at the pre renata meeting to be held on the 26 inst.

The Committee appointed on the subject of the Circular laid a copy of these same on the table which was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and is as follows, viz,

Dear Brethren, You are aware that the W. F. M. Society has attained that strength and importance which will require the active labors of an individual, as Corresponding Secretary to carry forward its operations with energy and prospects of success. It is of great importance that provision should be made for the support of this officer, so as not to affect the general resources of the Society. This is with us as a prominent object; and the Ex. Committee have agreed to request the members of the Board respectively to use their influence with the brethren of the Presbyteries to which they belong to raise from 5 to 12 dollars each by private subscription, in such a manner as to meet the object without injuring future collections.-- The following is the plan of subscription adopted by the Committee: We, the subscribers, do promise to pay annually, in half-yearly

payments to the Treasurer of the W. F. M. S. for the time being the sums severally attached to our names, for the support of the Cor. Sec'y of the said Society, provided, that every subscriber may withdraw his name at the end of any year, by passing what is then due. On motion,

Resolved that if the way is then open the Committee will proceed on the evening of the 26th instance to the induction of the Secretary into his office in the presence of the congregation. The Rev. Prof. Halsey was appointed to preach the sermon, - Rev. Dr. Herron to state the duties of the office and address the Secretary, - The Rev. Mr. Macurdy to pray - and the Secretary to make a concluding address. On motion,

Resolved that it be recommended to the congregation of the 2d. Presbyterian Church to observe that day, as a season of fasting, humiliation and prayer; and to invite the members of the other churches in this city to unite with them in the solemnity. A letter was read from Mr. McPhail of Richmond, Va. apprizing the Committee of his attention to the business which had been intrusted to him, and the Sec'y was directed to tender to him the thanks of the Society for his kind attention to its interests.

Adjourned to meet in this place on the (nothing more)

Pittsburgh, March 12, 1853. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell and Swift. The minutes of the last meeting were read. On motion,

Resolved that there hereafter be published under the direction of the Corresponding Secretary a monthly publication containing for the present - 8 pages - to be entitled the "Foreign Missionary Chronicle" to communicate Missionary intelligence to the friends of the Society in distant parts of the Pres. Church, and gratuitously sent to the Pastors of such congregations as contribute to the funds

of this Society, to the officers of Aux. Societies and to the active friends of the Society generally.

Resolved that in order to facilitate the great objects of this publication its contents be simultaneously printed and published in the Christian Herald and that with the concurrence of its Editor that paper be considered as the medium of communication with the churches within the limits of its circulation.

Resolved that Messrs. Patterson, Baird and Swift be appointed to make the contract for the regular publication of the same.

Resolved that Miss Nancy Henderson, be received and taken under the care of this Society, as an Assistant Missionary to the Heathen, and that she be advised to continue her Infant School, until the Committee shall be able to make arrangements for the commencement of a Western Mission.

The Secretary submitted to the Committee a draft of a Circular Addressed to the churches, which was read and recomitted to him to be published under his direction in the Chronicle.

Adjourned to meet on the call of the Chairman and Secretary. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 12, 1833. The Committee met agreeably to a call of the Secretary and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell and Swift.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Secretary was directed to secure a copy-right for the intended Memoir of Mr. Barr, to be taken in the name of this Society; and Mr. Baird was added to the Committee appointed to contract for the publication of the same.

Our Missionary, Mr. Reed made a report of his Agency during the winter in the bounds of the Presbyteries of Huntingdon, and Northumberland, which was approved by the Committee. On motion,

Resolved that the sum of \$53-1/3 per month be allowed Mr. Reed for the 4 months during which he has been employed in our service. On motion,

Resolved that if circumstances allow _____ be appointed to repair during the course of the ensuing spring and summer to the Indian territory west of the Mississippi, to explore the country; recommend the most suitable site for a Mission as far as may be practicable proceed to make preparations for the establishment of a Missionary family in that region next autumn. **

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday the 19th inst. at 2 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

** On motion, the following resolutions were adopted, viz.

1. Resolved that the plan which the Ex. Committee have proposed in their Circular address of having each Presbytery undertake the support of at least one member of their body - for the foreign Service (Nothing more)

Pittsburgh, March 19, 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Campbell, Swift, Hannen and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, On motion,

Resolved that Miss Martha Boal of Xenia, Ohio, be and she hereby is accepted as an Assistant to the contemplated Western Mission, and taken under the direction of this Society. The Committee proceeded to the appointment of Commissioners to go on the exploring Agency to the West when the Rev. A. D. Campbell and Mr. Elliott, Elder were appointed; and the Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Macurdy and request him to apprise Mr. Elliott of the same. On motion,

Resolved that in case Mr. Campbell accepts this appointment, the Committee will endeavour to supply his pulpit during his absence. Mr. Campbell was appointed to meet the Cor. Sec'y in his contemplated Agency to the Eastward, and

co-operate with him in obtaining such requisite information, of the public authorities at Washington, in reference to the Indians, as may be useful to the Commissioner about to be sent Westward.

Adjourned to meet on the call of the Chairman and Secretary. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 26, 1833. The Committee met on notification from the Secretary and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Swift and Hannen.

After considerable deliberation on the subject of the contemplated Agency to the West, the Committee instructed the Secretary to send an express to X Roads with the view of ascertaining whether Mr. Elliott would be willing to go out with Mr. Campbell to start at some time between the 20th of April and the 1st of May.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday next at 2 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 30, 1833. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Swift, Hannen and Wilson, and subsequently Dr. Herron and Mr. Bailey.

A letter from Rev. Mr. Macurdy was read expressing his views of the contemplated exploration and the kind of persons who should undertake it, and suggesting to the Committee the impossibility of obtaining the services of Mr. Elliott and recommending the Rev. Wm. D. Smith of Washington Presbytery as a person suitable to be employed as one of the Commissioners.

After some deliberation, on motion, it was

Resolved that the vote appointing Messrs. Campbell and Elliott be rescinded; and that no further appointment be made until the Committee obtain

some additional information. The Committee directed the Secretary to write to Mr. Macurdy and request him to confer with Mr. Smith on this subject and report to the Committee as soon as practicable.

Mr. Campbell was appointed to accompany the Secretary to Washington and aid in obtaining all such information, in respect to the state of the Indians and the contemplated measures of Government in reference to them, as may be useful to the Commissioners about the be sent to the West and to communicate the result of these inquiries as soon as circumstances shall allow.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, April 25, 1833. The Ex. Committee met on the call of the Chairman and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Macurdy, Patterson, Baird, Wilson and Bailey.

The Rev. Mr. Macurdy stated that agreeably to the instructions which he had received from the Cor. Sec'y he had applied to the Rev. W. D. Smith of the Presbytery of Washington and that Mr. Smith had expressed his readiness to engage in that Agency if the Committee desired it. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. Smith be appointed as a Missionary, to be connected with the contemplated Mission to the Western Indians.

2. Resolved that Mr. Smith be and he hereby is appointed to enter forthwith upon the exploring tour, already determined upon by the Committee, for the purpose of designating a site preparing the way for the establishment of a Mission.

Mr. Smith now appeared before the Committee and announced his acceptance of the appointment as far as to take the exploring tour, but stated that he was not prepared to pledge himself further, until further developments of the will of Providence should indicate to him more clearly the path of duty.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 7, 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Campbell, Swift, Hannen, Thompson and Wilson.

A report of the Agency of Mr. W. A. Adair was read and approved, and the Cor. Sec'y was authorized to settle with him for his service. On motion,

Resolved that all orders on the Treasurer for the payment of monies be drawn by the Cor. Sec'y and that in his absence, such orders be filled by the Chairman or Clerk of the Committee pro tem. On motion,

Resolved that it be considered as a rule applicable to such Missionaries as are sent to India or any part of the coast beyond the Cape of Good Hope that the sum of \$600 to married Missionaries, and \$250 to each as are unmarried, be the allotted outfit for procuring such articles of clothing, &c. &c. as may be convenient and necessary.

2. Resolved that the Committee will provide for each principal missionary station such a library for the use of the same, as the Committee may from time to time direct and as the interests of the Mission may require. The Cor. Sec'y was authorized to file an order for the list of books which he had procured for the Mission about to be sent to India.

Mr. Campbell made a report of his Agency to Washington and of his interviews with the officers of Government, which was approved.

The Cor. Sec'y was authorized to submit to the Board of Directors the Annual Report required to be laid before that body. The Sec'y gave a verbal statement of his late tour of Agency to the Eastern Presbyteries, which was approved.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 9, 1833. The Ex. Committee chosen by the Board of Directors met agreeably to the appointment of the said Board and constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, D. D. Alisha Macurdy (Treasurer), Thomas D. Baird, A. D. Campbell and E. P. Swift (Cor. Sec'y) with Mr. S. Thompson, Elder. Absent, Rev. Messrs. R. Patterson and L. Halsey with Messrs. John Hannon, James Wilson and F. G. Bailey, Elders.

The Rev. Dr. Herron was re-elected Chairman.

The Rev. Rob. Johnston made a report of his Agency to the West, from which it appeared that his expenses on his tour had been \$37.87½ cents and that he had been one month and a half in the service of the Society, and the Sec'y to whom the appointment and payment of Agents had been assigned having requested the Committee to designate the sum to be allowed, on motion,

Resolved that Mr. Johnston be allowed at the rate of \$40 per month exclusive of his traveling expenses.

Resolved that Mr. Smith proceed on his tour of exploration agreeably to appointment made at a late meeting of the Committee and that the Cor. Sec'y furnish Mr. Smith a suitable outfit and the necessary instructions. The Cor. Sec'y was also authorized to prepare and deliver to the Missionaries about to sail for India their requisite instructions.

Mr. Smith was authorized in case Mr. Joseph Bernet (Borner), a member of the Shawnee tribe, shall accompany him in his contemplated expedition to pay his expenses and allow him a compensation not exceeding \$20 per month for his services.

The Cor. Sec'y was authorized to negotiate a letter of credit for Mr. Smith, covering such an amount as may be requisite to meet the expense of his expedition and the contracts which he may be required to make and Mr. Macurdy was requested to aid in this arrangement.

The Cor. Sec'y was authorized to make such arrangements with some Commercial house or houses in New York or Philadelphia, as may enable the Missionaries in India and in Africa, to draw on the Society for the payment of their salaries, &c. The designation of the salaries of the Missionaries about to sail for

India, and the making of a contract for their passage was referred to the Sec'y.

On motion,

Resolved that no letters or communications made to the Committee from our missionaries shall be published without having been submitted to, and approved by the Ex. Committee, or the Cor. Sec'y. On motion,

Resolved that a correct account of private and personal gifts and donations made to any Missionary or Missionary Family, should be rendered by the party receiving the same to the Cor. Sec'y accompanied with such notes as the Missionary may think proper; and it is the understanding of the Committee that the rule adopted by them on the subject of outfits should be so construed by the Missionaries themselves, in the exercise of their own judgment, as not to require the full sum specified where such presents and donations may not render it necessary to their comfort.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, June, 1853. The Ex. Committee met on notification from the Chairman and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Hennen and Thompson.

A communication from the Rev. Mills Bushness of Meadville, was received stating his willingness to put himself under the direction of the Committee for the Missionary service. It was resolved that he be accepted, and that he be notified of the fact.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

(Copy of the minute per Mr. Campbell)

Pittsburgh, June 28, 1853. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Campbell, Swift, Hennen and Wilson.

A communication from Mr. Matthew Laird, a student of the Theological Seminary at Princeton offering himself as a Missionary, for the African Service, was laid before the Committee. After Mr. Laird's letter had been read in connection with a letter from the Professors at Princeton, on motion it was

Resolved that Mr. Laird be and he hereby is taken under the care of this Society as a Missionary for Africa.

Communications were also received from the Rev. Evans Martin, Mr. Wm. McCormick, a member of the Western Theological Seminary, and from B. Derickson, Esq. in behalf of Mr. Morris of Meadville, Pa., which were read and laid on the table for further consideration.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock P. M.
Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, June 2, 1833. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Campbell, Swift, Hannen and Wilson.
On motion,
Resolved that the Cor. Sec'y be requested to prepare from time to time a docket of the business to come before the Committee to be submitted at the opening of the session. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. John Cloud be associated with Mr. Laird in the Mission to Africa; and that preparations be made to send these Missionaries to join Mr. Pinney in Africa as soon as practicable.

Mr. McCormick's communication offering himself to be connected in the capacity of a teacher at some one of the stations of the Society, was taken up, and Mr. McCormick was received and taken under the care of the Committee, as an Assistant Missionary to the Heathen.

Mr. Martin's letter was deferred for the present and the Sec'y authorized to apprise him of this decision of the Committee.

A letter from the Rev. Jos. Brewer, a Missionary in Asia Minor addressed to the Committee was presented and read, and on motion,

Resolved that the thanks of this Committee be tendered to Mr. Brewer for his interesting communication; and that the Cor. Sec'y be requested to transmit to him a copy of this minute and to apprise him that it is the intention of the Committee agreeably to his suggestion to establish a Mission in the Mediterranean as soon as suitable Missionaries can be obtained.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 15, 1833. The Ex. Committee met on notification from the Chairman and Secretary and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Campbell, Swift, Hannen, Thompson and Wilson.

A letter from our Missionary, Mr. Pinney, was received and read, from which it appeared that he had judged it expedient to re-visit this country; and having arrived, in Philadelphia, was waiting to receive instructions from the Committee as to the manner in which he should be employed during the time allotted for his visit to the United States. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. Pinney be requested agreeably to a suggestion contained in his letter, to repair to this city as soon as may be convenient, that the Committee may confer with him on subjects connected with the Mission. The Cor. Sec'y was authorized and directed to write to D. Derickson, Esq. of Meadville, in reference to his communication on the subject of Mr. Morris' appointment to a station in the contemplated Western Mission, as a carpenter, and to inform him that as the Committee had not yet decided the question of connecting agricultural and Mechanical operations with the Mission, they were not yet prepared to act upon the subject of such an appointment.

Adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday of the present month at 9 o'clock A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 5, 1855. The Ex. Committee met on notification from the Secretary (the Stated meeting having been deferred until the arrival of Mr. Pinney) and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Hannen, Thompson and Wilson.

The minutes of the two preceeding meetings were read. Mr. Pinney, our Missionary being present and being requested by the Committee, made a statement of his reasons for visiting this country at the present time, and of his views of the prospects, &c of the African Mission. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. Pinney be requested to draw up a Memoir of the plan of the contemplated Mission to Africa containing his views, and observations, reasons for returning, and the prospects of the establishment of Missionary Stations in that country, and submit the same to the Committee at their next meeting.

Messrs. Baird and Swift were appointed a Committee to confer with Miss Beal in relation to her connexion with the Western Mission and report on the same at some future meeting of the Committee.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday next at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 7, 1855. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Campbell, Swift, Hannen and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. Baird with the Cor. Sec'y and Editor of the Missionary Chronicle, be a committee to make a report on the present state and prospects of that publication.

Mr. Pinney made his report agreeably to the appointment of the Committee, which was read, on motion,

Resolved that the Committee approve of the course which Mr. Pinney has

taken in returning to this country, and the reasons which he has assigned for the same.

Resolved 2d that the Missionaries about to be sent out to Africa be expected as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made to occupy the two stations mentioned by Mr. Pinney, viz. Bassa and King Sou's Town, unless on further examination some other place should be found more eligible than either the 1st or 2nd named.

Resolved 3d that the general plan of operation which is recommended by Mr. Pinney in his communication be approved by the Committee. On motion,

resolved that a copy of the memoir of the Rev. Jos. W. Barr be presented to each of the members of this Committee and to each of the several Societies of Enquiry in the different Theological Seminaries and Colleges of the U. S.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday next at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 13, 1853. The Ex. Committee met agreeable to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Hannon, Thompson and Wilson.

The minutes of the last session were read.

A communication from the Rev. Wm.D. Smith, our Missionary now engaged in visiting the various Indian tribes in the West was received and read. The Cor. Sec'y and Genl. Agent made a detailed report of his proceedings, and of the financial affairs of the Society at the present time.

The Committee appointed to confer with Miss Boal reported and their report was accepted.

The Committee on the subject of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle reported and their report was accepted.

The Cor. Sec' y made a statement as to the additional expense which

might be required to accompany the monthly Nos. of the Chronicle with devices or reprints in wood-cuts; the Committee resolved that it is at present inexpedient for the Society to sustain the expense of this provision, further than the payment for that of the August number.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday next at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 21, 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Macurdy, Herron, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Hannen and Bailey and after the recess Mr. Patterson. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Communications from our Missionary, Mr. Smith, were received and read.

The Cor. Sec'y was directed to write to the Rev. Benton Pixley and the Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn, and request from them all desirable information as to the best Missionary locations, among the various Indian tribes west of the Mississippi.

In reply to our enquiry from Mr. Smith the Secretary was directed to write him to prolong his exploring tour in the Indian country as long as any additional information of an important character can be obtained, going to aid the Society in forming the most judicious estimates respecting Missionary fields; and Mr. Smith was directed particularly to confer with the Commissioners of the United States respecting the whole subject.

Messrs. Swift, Patterson and Wilson were appointed a Committee to make inquiries and secure a Missionary room, or rooms, for the use of the Society. On motion,

Resolved that the Cor. Sec'y in his letter to Mr. Smith be directed to inform him, that as God appears to have opened the door for the immediate establishment of a Mission, that it is the intention of the Committee to have the

Missionary Family in readiness to be sent out this fall; and that if Providence does not shut the door, it is their expectation will be sent this fall, though they cannot at present decide to what particular field it will be best to have the operations of the Society commenced.

Mr. Joseph Kerr, one of the missionaries under the care of the Society, was appointed to labour for some time as our Agent within the bounds of the Presbytery of Newton, to enter immediately upon this Agency. On motion,

Resolved that the Rev. Mr. Bushnell and family, Mr. Joseph Kerr and Miss N. Henderson constitute the members of the Mission Family to be sent this fall, it being understood that the Committee may in the meantime add to this list if circumstances shall seem to require it. On motion,

Resolved that three small houses of the kind and plan now submitted to the inspection of the Committee be provided and sent out with and for the use of the African Mission.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday next at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 26, 1852. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Campbell, Swift and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. On motion,

Resolved that the minutes adopted at the last meeting be so altered as to insert after the words "to be sent this fall" on the preceding page the words "if the way be prepared." On motion,

Resolved that in addition to the three missionaries already appointed, this Committee desire to send two additional persons as assistants to the African Mission provided suitable persons can be obtained.

Resolved that the Committee approve of the plans of chartering a vessel to carry out the missionaries to Africa provided the cost of the same, including the expenses of the crew and insurance of the vessel shall not exceed \$500 per month, it being understood that the said vessel will take out and return such cargoes as the Committee may provide the same not exceeding an ordinary allowance. On motion,

Resolved that no contraband shall be taken in the said ship, and that it be recommended that it be sailed as far as possible on the temperance plan.

Resolved that Messrs. Swift, Halsey and Campbell be appointed a Committee on the subject of the instruction to be given to the missionaries to Africa and also, to make out a list of articles to be sent out with the ---- Mission, to report at the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Patterson in behalf of the Committee appointed on the subject of a missionary room or rooms and the said report recommending a room in Market (?) Street to be rented for the sum of \$50 per annum was approved and adopted.

The same Committee were authorized and directed to fit up the said room for the use of the Committee.

The Committee took up the report of the Committee appointed to confer with Miss Boal, when, on motion,

Resolved that Miss Boal be informed that it is the intention of the Committee to send her with the first Mission Family for the West to which she can be conveniently attached.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday next at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, September 3, 1853. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Campbell, Swift and Wilson, and subse-

quently Messrs. Patterson and Baird.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee on the subject of instructions reported and their report being read was adopted and is as follows: viz,

The Committee recommend that the following items be comprised in the outline of the instructions to be given to the missionaries to Africa, viz,

I. That a quarterly report of all the expenses of the mission be regularly returned containing a distinct specification of the following particulars:

1. Expenses of voyage and the transportation of all articles belonging to the Mission from Liberia to the station.
2. The expense of the erection of buildings, school houses, & c.
3. Agricultural and other manual labor expenses.
4. Provisions and supplies.
5. Education and school expenses.
6. Stock expense.

In reference to the general instructions to be given to the missionaries they recommend that the following items be embraced, viz,

1. It is expected that the mission will make its first lodgement in the Bassa country and commence its operations there, but with instructions to form an establishment in King Sou's country as soon as proper preparations can be made.

2. That the missionaries being directed to institute a school or schools as soon as practicable and for this purpose that they be furnished with the means of commencing a school or schools on the plan of having the children boarded at home, until the means of subsistence can be provided in that country.

3. That the Committee resolve to connect agricultural pursuits with the mission; but no further in the first instance than may be requisite for the support of the establishment, or for providing a supply of such provisions as can be raised in Africa.

The Committee then took up the Report on the subject of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, when after some discussion the same was re-committed to Messrs. Baird, Campbell and Patterson.

Adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, September 4, 1856. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Halsey, Patterson, Swift and Wilson.

The Committee to whom was yesterday recommitted the subject of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle reported and their report being read was ordered to be laid on the table.

The report on the subject of a missionary room or rooms was resumed, when on motion it was

Resolved that the Committee obtain for the present the use of the session rooms attached to the First Presbyterian Church.

The Secretary stated that he had requested the Committee of Correspondence of the Presbytery of New York, to procure and fix the compensation of an Agent to be employed in and for that region; that he had also engaged the Rev. Ashbel G. Fairchild as an Agent for the Southern States, to receive the same compensation as he now receives from his congregation; that a Commission had also been granted to the Rev. Mr. Lilly of Monessen to receive the usual allowance per month; and that Mr. Moody of the Western Theological Seminary had expressed a willingness to be so employed. The Committee approved of these arrangements and ordered that a Commission for two or three months be granted to Mr. Moody.

Adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday inst. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, September 1856. The Ex. Committee met on notification from the

Secretary and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Swift, Hannen and Wilson.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Green in reply to enquiries made in reference to a colored man by the name of Temple whose name had been mentioned to the Committee as an assistant missionary to Africa, was laid before the Committee and read, when on motion was

Resolved that Mr. Temple be accepted and appointed as an Assistant to the African Mission.

The subject of the appointment of Mr. Morris of Meadville as an Assistant to the Mission was taken up, and on motion

Resolved that Mr. Morris be informed that the Committee do not contemplate for the present at least the appointment of any additional families to be connected with the Western Mission.

Messrs. Hannen and Thompson were appointed to act with the Corresponding Secretary as a Committee of examination in reference to persons offered as candidates for the missionary service.

Letters from Mr. Smith were received and read, expression of his views as to the location of the Western Mission, and the further consideration of the subject was deferred until the expected arrival of Mr. Smith.

Messrs. Campbell and Wilson were appointed a Committee to confer with the Rev. J. Andrews as to his becoming Assistant Clerk of the Western Foreign Missionary Society and report at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

The Sec'y was authorized to make the necessary outfit &c for the African Mission and keep a regular account of the expense attending the same.

Adjourned to meet on the call of the Chairman. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, October 4, 1835. The Ex. Committee met upon the call of the Chairman and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Hannen, Thompson and Wilson.

A permit to form an establishment among the Wea tribe of Indians, having been received from the Secretary of War, it was on motion

Resolved that information be communicated to Mr. Barnet to proceed with all expedition in the erection of a building for the accommodation of the mission family, with the necessary appendage of a kitchen upon the plan arranged between him and Mr. Smith.

Adjourned to meet on the call of the chairman. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, October 14, 1833. The Ex. Committee met and opened with prayer, by Rev. Robert Patterson.

Present, Rev. Dr. Herron, R. Patterson, A. D. Campbell, John Hannen, and James Wilson.

It was resolved that, whereas the Ex. Committee adopted certain plans for the creation of funds for the support of the Cor. Sec'y of the W. F. M. S.; and whereas a circular letter has been sent to the several Presbyteries on the subject, the Committee respectfully submit to the Synod the propriety of ascertaining whether such letters have been received, and whether any thing has been done to secure the object; and also, if the sum raised be not thought sufficient, the Committee would wish the Synod to say whether the salary of the Secretary shall not be drawn out of the general funds of the Society.

Adjourned to meet on the 25d inst. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, October 23, 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

Present, Dr. Herron, Messrs. M'Curdy, Patterson, Thompson, Hannen and Wilson.

The Synod, on the question submitted to them, resolved that the salary of the Cor. Sec'y shall be drawn out of the general funds of the Society.

Resolved that Mrs. Mary Anne Kerr be received as an assistant missionary to the North(?) India Mission.

Resolved that missionary meetings be held in Wheeling, Cincinnati, and such other places as may be expedient.

Resolved that in the organization of the Mission Family, Rev. Wm.D. Smith will preach the sermon.

Resolved that Rev. Wells Bushnell be appointed superintendent of the Mission Family which is to go out this fall to the Indians N.W. of the Missouri Line.-- Rev. Wells Bushnell made a report of his agency in the Presbyteries of Ebenezer and West Lexington, Ky. which was accepted and approved; the amount received \$504.50; and annual subscriptions, West Lexington, \$318; Ebenezer, \$31.--

Resolved that Mr. Bushnell be allowed \$40 per month, with his travelling expenses, which amounted to \$26, and that a warrant be issued upon the Treasurer for the same.

Resolved that Rev. W. D. Smith's outfit of \$142, and travelling expenses of \$200.24, with the amount paid to Joseph Barnet be allowed, and that a warrant be issued upon the Treasurer in connexion with the allowance of \$40 per month for his services.

The account submitted by Mr. Smith: Outfit \$142.25; travelling expenses \$200; five months services \$200 = \$542.25, credit to the Society. Amounts received in cash and subscriptions collected in Kentucky, \$453.12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Balance due Mr. Smith \$89.12 $\frac{1}{2}$.--

Resolved that, in ordinary cases, the salary of agents be \$40 per month, with their expenses.-- Resolved that the Chairman of the Ex. Committee be authorized to issue warrants in the absence of the Cor. Sec'y.-- Resolved that the Ex. Committee approve of the arrangement made by Mr. Smith with Barnet for the erection of a house at the Wean Village, for \$210 and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the balance, which is to be paid when the draft is presented.-- Resolved that

a Committee be appointed to attend to the outfit of the Indian Mission; and that Messrs. M'curdy, Hannen, Bushnell and Smith be that committee.

Adjourned to meet on the 1st day of November. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, November 1, 1835. The Ex. Committee met at the house of Rev. Dr. Herron, and opened with prayer, by the Chairman.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Patterson, Campbell, Hannen, Thompson, Wilson and Bailey.

Resolved that the missionaries and assistants to the Indian nations be sustained by the Society, at the present time, without allowing any salaries, under the supervision and control of the superintendent, who will be required to submit to the Committee a semi-annual account of all expenses, &c. &c.

Resolved that the Mission Families shall at all times, be regulated by the instructions of the Committee submitted through the Cor. Sec'y and General Agents.

Resolved that a regular invoice book shall be provided and kept by the Society; in which all bills shall be recorded.

Resolved that the Chairman issue a warrant on the Treasurer, to cover the bills submitted by the superintendent of the Indian Mission, amounting to \$599.55.

Resolved that a letter of credit be placed in the hands of the superintendent of the mission, to be used only as necessity may require.

Resolved that a warrant be issued by the Chairman of the Committee, to Mr. Kerr, for six weeks' services as an agent, together with his travelling expenses.

Resolved that a warrant be issued by the Chairman of the Committee, for printing 2000 copies of the Missionary Chronicle for the month of September, \$49.66.

Resolved that a bill of stationery for 1835 and 1836, from Robert Patterson, be settled; and that the Chairman issue a warrant accordingly for \$8.63.

Adjourned to meet at Dr. Herron's on next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.
Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, November 5, 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment,
and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Campbell, Baird, Swift, Thompson,
Hannen, Wilson and Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee had an interview with the missionaries previous to their
departure for the west. On motion,

Resolved that the sum of \$50 be appropriated to Miss Boal in payment
for travelling expenses and outfit; and that an appropriation not exceeding
\$50 be made to Miss Nancy Henderson, as her outfit.

Mr. Wm. D. Smith was appointed an agent for the Society for the West,
or in any other quarter which may be designated by the Society.

Adjourned, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, December 10, 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to a call of
the Cor. Sec'y, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Hannen,
and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Hannen stated, that there were several bills of articles for the
Western Mission which had not been paid; which being reported, the Secretary
was authorized to give Mr. Thompson a draft for \$67.31. Mr. Hannen also stat-
ed, that Mr. Kerr had placed in the hands of the W. F. M. S. the sum of \$303.60,
and Mr. Bushnell, of their personal property, which were ordered to be placed
to the credit of these brethren.

Resolved that Messrs. Patterson, Bailey and Campbell be appointed a committee to arrange the financial affairs of the Treasury and report the same at the next meeting of the Committee.

A letter was received from our agent Mr. Fairchild, in relation to the prospects of the Southern churches, which was read.

The Cor. Sec'y directed the attention of the Committee to the subject of an overture of the Synod of Chesapeake; where on

Resolved that the Committee appear before the Synod of Chesapeake on the 24th in order to procure such a change of the plan of a Central Agency, now pending, as may recognize the W.F.M. Society in the same.

The Secretary presented a letter addressed to the Synod of Chesapeake, and also a certificate of the appointment of a committee to represent the interests of our Society; which were read and accepted. And the Hon. Harman Benny, Hon. Walter Lowrie, Hon. John Thompson, and Rev. Messrs. R. J. Breckenridge and Reuben Post, were appointed to appear before said Synod in behalf of this Committee, and represent the views of the Committee.

Resolved that the Secretary, Professor Halsey, and Mr. Campbell, be a committee to take into consideration the resolution of Synod, on the subject of missions to the Indians, and report on the same.

The Secretary stated that likenesses of the missionaries who sailed for India last spring had been obtained by the donations of individuals, and presented to the Board. Mr. Wilson was appointed to procure suitable frames for the same, and draw on the Treasurer for the amount expended.

The Secretary was ordered to give a warrant for \$100 in favor of Mr. Fairchild in advance of his agency in the Southern States.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday next at nine o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, December 12, 1833. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Hannen and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Cor. Sec'y made a report upon his late agencies and subjects connected with them.

The Cor. Sec'y was authorized to procure for the missions of the West the following papers: Missionary Herald, Christian Herald, Chronicle, New York Observer, Sab. School Journal, authorizing the publishers to charge the same to the Society. On motion,

Resolved that John McPhail, Esq. be authorized to procure and forward supplies to Africa, agreeably to the suggestions of the Cor. Sec'y.

The Committee took up the subject of the appointment of committees of agency and of correspondence, but before any appointments were made on the subject, adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday of the present month. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, January 8, 1834. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to the adjournment of a few members on Tuesday last, not making a quorum, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Campbell, Swift, Thompson, and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. On motion,

Resolved that the interest accruing on the late loan or loans made to the Western Theological Seminary be remitted, in consideration of the present necessities which that Seminary is experiencing.

Mr. Patterson, from the committee appointed on the subject of financial affairs of the Society, made a report; which was read and accepted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of keeping regular accounts, in making their reports, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: viz,

The Committee proceeded to make appointments of Committees of Agency and Correspondence, whose office it should be to correspond with us; to advise and cooperate with the Agent who may labor in their respective bounds; to facilitate the diffusion of information; to seek out and recommend suitable missionaries and assistants and missionary agents; to promote the collection and transmission of funds and supplies of various kinds in aid of the missions established by the Society; and to take any other measures to promote the interests of the cause which may appear to them to be expedient and necessary; when the following appointments were made; it being understood that to them respectively was referred the appointments and direction of Agents in their respective bounds, viz. -

For the State and Synod of Kentucky

MINISTERS

Rev. George W. Ashbridge

Eli N. Sawtall

Nathan H. Hall

S. V. Marshall

Andrew Todd

Thomas Cleland, D. D.

John C. Yoing

LAYMEN

Abijah Bayless

John S. Green, Esq.

Baltimore and Vicinity

Rev. Robert I. Breckenridge

William Nevins

Geo. W. Musgrave

Elias Morrison

John C. Smith

John Gibson

Hon. W. Lowrie

A. I. Cross

State of Indiana

Rev. Dr. Mathews

James E. Ray

State of Indiana (Cont'd)MINISTERS

Dr. L. Blythe
 John F. Crow
 David Monfort

LAYMEN

Hon. Judge Dunn
 Victor King

Cincinnati and Vicinity

Rev. Dr. Joshua L. Wilson
 John Burt
 Thomas I. Biggs
 Francis Monfort

Col. Skillinger
 John Baker

The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to employ Rev. John Andrews to aid him in the office and business of the Western Foreign Missionary Society and to allow him suitable compensation. On motion,

Resolved that any persons who have subscribed or paid anything on the subscription for the support of the Corresponding Secretary be allowed to dispose of the same as they think proper.

Resolved that if, on hearing from our missionaries in India, circumstances appear favorable, the Committee will send Mr. James Wilson to India during the course of the ensuing spring.

Mr. Martin's case, which had been at the last meeting postponed, was resumed, but before any decision was had, the committee adjourned to meet on the 4th of February next. Concluded with prayer.

February 4, 1834. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and, as soon as a quorum appeared, constituted with prayer, and proceeded to business.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift and Thompson.

The application of Mr. Martin was resumed, and the Committee concluded, after considerable deliberation, that it is inexpedient to send Mr. Martin

as a missionary to the heathen.

The applications of Messrs. Bakens and Newton were taken up; and they were received under the care and direction of this Society as missionaries to the heathen.

The communication of the Rev. Jos Huber, offering himself as a missionary to go to the city of Trieste in Italy, which was read and laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up, when, on motion, -

1. Resolved that the Committee feel great satisfaction in the prospect of being able to occupy so important a position as the city of Trieste in the Austrian dominions, as a missionary station, and in the offer which Mr. Huber has made.

2. Resolved that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to open such correspondence with him and others, as may enable them to form a final decision on this subject.

The Corresponding Secretary submitted to the Committee the form of a Circular Letter, to be sent to the several gentlemen who have been appointed members of the committees or boards of agency, now being formed; which was read and approved.

The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to open a correspondence with the Rev. Mr. Allen and others on the subject of the appointment of Mr. Allen's son as an assistant to the Western Mission.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Thursday, 15th, at ten o'clock A.M.
Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 13, 1834. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. Ashbridge having been read, the following gentlemen were added to the Board appointed in Kentucky; viz. Rev. Dr. Thomas Cleland, Rev. I. C. Young, Dr. I. P. Harrison, S. Harbison, D. M. Averill, H. C. Thomas, and Wm. Garvin.

The Corresponding Secretary stated, that Mr. Hamilton Smith had made an offer of himself to go out as a teacher and an assistant to the Western Mission, and also that Mr. Allen (no first name given) had done the same, on motion,

Resolved that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to apprise Mr. Smith and Mr. Allen, that formal and written communications of this kind are expected from those who are inclined to embark in the missionary service. on motion,

Resolved that the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to settle the account of Mr. Miley according to the principles stated in Mr. Miley's letter. On motion,

Resolved that the Committee for the State of Kentucky be authorized and requested to employ a suitable agent to visit and organize the churches in that state, and make collections.

The committee authorized the Corresponding Secretary to open a correspondence with the Rev. William Potts, of St. Louis, and the Rev. George Potts, of Natchez, on the subject of organizing Boards of Agency in these respective places.

The Corresponding Secretary submitted to the Committee the following minute and resolution, in relation to the number of missionaries and assistants which they will endeavor to send out during the ensuing year; viz. On motion,

Resolved that the Committee will endeavor by the aid of the Head of the Church, to send out during the present year, the following number of

missionaries and assistants, if suitable persons can be obtained; viz.

1. To the Indians inhabiting or expecting to emigrate to the Reserved Tract, west of the State of Missouri and the Territory of Arkansas, 6. (Besides one physician and three teachers.) To visit remote tribes, both to the west and north with a view to further establishment, 2.

2. As a reinforcement of the mission in West Africa, 3. (One physician and 3 teachers).

3. As a reinforcement to the mission to Northern India, 2. (And one physician.)

4. To commence a mission in China, 2.

5. To commence a mission at Trieste, in the Adriatic, 2.

6. To occupy the contemplated mission at Smyrna, 2. (10)

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, February 27, 1854. The Executive Committee met agreeably to notice and constituted with prayer.

Members present. (None given)

On motion,

Resolved that the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to pay the postage of the business correspondence of the Society and cause the same to be charged to our account. On motion,

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to dispose of all depreciated funds on as favorable terms as possible. On motion,

Resolved that the Committee receive with great satisfaction the proposed plan of forming an Association for the purpose of sustaining a missionary to the heathen by the churches in Mercer County, Pa. and that should provision be made, and a missionary selected the Committee will affectionately consult the

wishes of the said Association as to the field of labor and other points connected with the undertaking.

The consideration of the offer of Mr. Neal Smith was resumed. On motion

Resolved that Mr. N. Smith be, and hereby is, received under the care of this Society as an assistant to the Western Mission.

Resolved that on all cases in which persons are received as probationers under the care of the Society, to become missionaries or assistant missionaries, to the heathen, it is to be distinctly understood, that the Committee reserve to themselves the right of declining, at any subsequent period, to send them, in case that anything in their character as to the prudence or piety of the candidate should lead them to think it expedient and for the good of the cause to do so.

Adjourned to meet on the 6th of March next. Concluded with prayer.

March 6, 1834. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Members present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Baird, Hannen, Wilson, Thompson and Swift.

A communication from the Rev. Elisha M'Curdy, and from Mr. Henry Bradley on the subject of his being appointed as an assistant to the Western Foreign Missionary Society, was laid before the Committee and read. On motion,

Resolved that the said papers lie upon the table until the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of future arrangements in reference to the Western Mission. On motion,

Resolved that a correspondence be opened with the Secretary of the American Board on the subject of the experience of said Board, as to the expediency of connecting agricultural and mechanical establishments with the Indian Missions. On motion,

Resolved that a correspondence be opened with the Secretary of War on the subject of the views of the General Government as to the best methods of extending the arts of civilization to the Indian tribes.

A letter from Rev. I. M. Dickey on the subject of the appointment of Mr. Stansbury as an assistant to the African Mission was read and laid over for further consideration.

Letters were received from brethren of the Transylvania Presbytery recommending Mr. Huber as a suitable man to be employed as a missionary to Italy; and a letter was also laid before the Committee from Mr. Huber, in reply to inquiries from the Corresponding Secretary. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. Huber be appointed as a missionary to Trieste, or such other station in the Mediterranean as the Committee may designate, in case that shall not be found eligible. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. Huber be appointed an Agent for the State of Kentucky, to solicit aid in behalf of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, and otherwise promote the interests of the Society in that State.

A letter from Miss Boal, stating that her health had been seriously impaired, and her fear that she should not be likely to regain her health, and asking permission to return, was received and read. On motion,

Resolved that while the Board would prefer that she should proceed, the Secretary inform her, that it is left optional with Miss Boal either to return or to proceed to the station, as she may think to be her duty, after a careful examination of the whole subject; and that the Secretary transmit to her, for her use, a draft on the Treasury of \$50.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday next. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 11th, 1834. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Hannan, and Swift.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. On motion,

Resolved that the business connected with the Western Mission be deferred until Tuesday next, when the Rev. Mr. Macurdy is expected to attend. On motion, unanimously

Resolved that the name of Mr. Eskins be stricken from the list of the missionary candidates, until the Committee shall have received more satisfactory evidence of his qualifications for the missionary service.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday next at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 18th, 1854. The Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Members present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Swift and Bailey.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Sawtell, excusing himself from acting as a member of the Board of Agency in Kentucky, was laid before the Committee and read. The Rev. Messrs. William L. Breckenridge and Alfred Hamilton were added to that board; the latter in place of Mr. Sawtell. On motion,

Resolved that the annual sermon before the Board of Directors of the Western Foreign Missionary Society be delivered on the 6th day of May next at 3 o'clock, P. M. and that the report be read and addresses delivered on the evening of that day, at 7 o'clock. Mr. Baird and Mr. Campbell were appointed to act in connexion with the Corresponding Secretary in selecting and appointing persons to address the meeting on that occasion.

Resolved that the Secretary and Treasurer be requested to have their

annual reports ready to be submitted to the Committee, on the week preceding the annual meeting.

A letter from the Secretary of War was received and read.

The Corresponding Secretary submitted to the Committee the plan of a circular to be sent to such Presbyteries as are engaged in the support of missionaries under the care of the Society; which was approved and ordered to be communicated.

Communications from our missionaries to India were received and read, and their conduct approved. On motion,

Resolved that Mr. Henry Bradley be, and he is hereby appointed as an assistant to the Western Mission.

Rev. John H. Gray was appointed as an Agent, to labor within the bounds of the Presbyteries of South Alabama and Mississippi.

The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to employ, during the vacation, Mr. Newton as an Agent to visit the congregations within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Steubenville and Beaver.

Adjourned to meet on the call of the Chairman; concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 25, 1834. The Ex. Committee met upon the call of the President and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Baird, Wilson and Bailey.

A letter from the Rev. Professor Breckenridge of Danville College in relation to the salary or compensation of Mr. Huber when prosecuting his agency in Kentucky was read. After some deliberation on the subject.

Resolved that the salary of \$800 be allowed to Mr. Huber for one year as the Agent of this Society in the State of Kentucky, or in that proportion during the time, and, place of his operations.

Resolved that the appointment of Mr. John Newton as an Agent for the

Western Foreign Missionary Society be rescinded and the same is hereby rescinded.

Adjourned sine die. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, April 1, 1854. The Committee met on the call of the Chairman, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs, Herron, Halsey, Patterson, Campbell and Baird.

Letters were received and read from Messrs. Bushnell and Kerr, missionaries, and Dr. Wilson of Cincinnati, and Mr. Hope of Princeton.

Resolved that the Missionary Chronicle be forwarded to the Rev. D. Comfort who is by a donation of \$50. constituted a Director of this Society.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to revise our by-laws, and to propose such improvements, and to digest such a system of operations as may appear expedient and adapted to the present circumstances of the Society. Messrs. Baird, Halsey and Campbell were appointed that Committee.

Resolved that Mr. Bradley be instructed to hold himself in preparation to set out on his Mission to the West, by the 20th inst. and that the Rev. Elisha Macurdy be appointed to superintend the arrangements and outfit for that purpose and to make the necessary provision for his expenses.

Adjourned to meet on the 8th inst. at 10 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, April 6, 1854. The Committee met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Campbell, Hannen and Thompson, and afterwards Messrs. Patterson and Wilson.

The Committee appointed to revise our by-laws and digest a system of operations made a report in part. This report being amended was unanimously adopted and is as follows, viz.

The Committee appointed to revise our by-laws to propose such improvements and digest such a system of operations as may appear expedient and adapted to the present circumstances of the Society and report as soon as convenient beg leave to report the following items as worthy of the attention of the Executive Committee.

1. Such an arrangement that the Committee can carry on their business constantly, harmoniously and orderly whether the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent be present or absent. In order to the accomplishment of this it is requisite that an office be provided for transacting business, at all times in the day by persons concerned.

2. There should be a clerk appointed for office business during office hours.

3. To keep the minutes and attend the meetings of the Committee in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary.

2.(?) To answer letters by the direction of the Committee in the absence of the Cor. Sec'y.

3.(?) To have charge of all letters, and papers, and books (except the Treasurers) of the Society; and receive and submit to the Ex. Committee, all communications in the absence of the Cor. Sec'y.

4.(?) To receive and acknowledge all monies connected with the Chronicle.

5. (?) To have charge of getting out the Chronicle, punctually; receiving subscriptions; forwarding, contracting for, and, settling with Printers under the control of the Ex. Committee.

6. (?) To keep a separate docket of the current expenses and responsibilities of the Society per quarter -

1. For Chronicle
2. of officers and office - expenses.
3. of agencies
4. of the several missions viz, African, Indian, East-Indian, &c. &c.

5. To exhibit the receipts, or income per quarter.
6. To copy such letters, as he may be directed to write by the Ex. Committee.

The 2nd item which they would present to the Ex. Committee would be a review of the powers of the Cor. Sec'y and General Agent. That such a review was expected when they are drawn out appears evident from the following resolution passed on that occasion:

Resolved by the Ex. Committee that the following summary shall be considered, as comprising the duties which shall pertain to that office at least for the present in the exercise of its high and important functions. The alterations which we would suggest are as follows, viz, so as to read in particular.

2nd. To exercise a general superintendence of our missions abroad, and of Auxiliaries at home, to nominate agents and furnish instructions to agents who may be appointed by the Committee.

3rd. (As on page 53)-(in original book). (On page 23 of copy)

Resolved also that the forementioned duties be exercised under the direction and supervision of the Ex. Committee.

Resolved that with the permission of the Trustees of the 1st Church we will occupy the old session-room of that church, as an office for the preservation of our papers, and holding our meeting.

Resolved that the Rev. John Andrews, be appointed to the office of clerk of this Committee and that a salary be allowed at the rate of \$400. per annum.

Resolved that Messrs. Baird and Patterson be a Committee to report the expense and receipts of the Chronicle, and, such other information as they may be able to lay before the Committee respecting it.

Adjourned to meet on the 29th inst. at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer. (Copied from minutes taken by Mr. Baird as Secretary pro tem.)

Pittsburgh, April 22, 1834. The Ex. Committee met on the call of the Chairman and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Hannen and Wilson.

The Journal of Mr. Pinney while on his way to Africa and letters from Messrs. Laird and Cloud were read and referred with some others, received by other persons, to make suitable extracts from them for insertion in the Chronicle. On motion,

Resolved that the Chronicle for the next succeeding month be steadily issued on or about the 15th of the month for which it is due.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday next the 29th at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh April 29, 1834. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Patterson, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Hannen, Thompson and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. It was on motion,

Resolved that the salary of the assistant clerk be paid monthly.

The Cor. Sec'y made a report of his late journey to the East, and the results of his operations on that tour.

The Committee proceeded to fill up the list of appointments of the Boards of Agency and correspondence in Kentucky, Cincinnati, and Baltimore, when the following additions were made, viz.

For the State and Synod of Kentucky

Rev. M. L. Rice
T. C. Barnes
John Howe
T. H. Lilley

Rev. Wm. L. Breckenridge
Alfred Hamilton
S. B. Robertson
T. I. Peirce

For the State and Synod of Kentucky (Cont'd)

Rev. W. Scott	<u>Laymen</u>
T. S. Berryman	James Weir
Robert Stuart	P. G. Rice
J. Barrett	W. W. Lowes
T. T. Rice	T. M. C. Irwin
J. R. Alexander	S. Laird
	Jo. Stonestreet

For Cincinnati and its vicinity

Rev. L. G. Gaines	<u>Laymen</u>
A. Aton	
Dani. Hayden	H. B. Funk
I. Mahard, Esq.	
S. B. Finley	
C. List	
D. Thorp	

For Baltimore and its vicinity

Rev. James G. Hannen	<u>Laymen</u>
Joseph Smith	
George Morrison	Genl. M'Donnell Carson
William Reynolds, Esq.	Dr. Maxwell M'Dowell
Dr. Saml. Annan	George Morris, Esq.
Dr. - Blair	- Golt, Esq.
Mr. John M'Keen, Jr.	

The Rev. Wm. S. Potts, Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield and Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy with Maj. J. B. Brant and Mr. John Kerr, of the State of Missouri, were appointed a Standing Committee to correspond with us and transact business in relation to our Western Missions.

The Committee resolved that the 1st Vol. of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle be completed with the May number now in prep and that the Secretary should provide an Index and title page for the same.

A letter from the Rev. Joshua Brewer, at Smyrna in Asia Minor, was received and read. On motion:

Resolved that all official letters received at the Secretary's and treasurers offices be regularly acknowledged on the cover of the Chronicle.

The bill of Messrs. D. & L. MacLean for publishing the three last numbers of the Chronicle was laid before the Committee and ordered to be paid.

The Rev. Thos. D. Baird was appointed to act in connexion with the Cor. Sec'y and clerk in preparing and arranging the materials for the Chronicle.

The Annual Report of the Ex. Committee was submitted and read by the Cor. Sec'y accepted and ordered to be submitted to the Board.--

The part of the Report which relates to the case of Mr. A. H. Savage was referred to the Cor. Sec'y and Mr. Baird to report at the next meeting of the Committee.

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at 4 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 5, 1854. Two or three members of the Committee met agreeably to adjournment; but a quorum not appearing, the members adjourned to meet to-morrow.

Pittsburgh, May 6, 1854. The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment of yesterday, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Swift and Thompson.

The Report of the Treasurer was laid before the Committee, and accepted.

The Corresponding Secretary was requested to make out, for the satisfaction of the Board, a general statement of the expenses of the Missions to Northern India and Western Africa.

The Committee, to whom had been referred that part of the report which speaks of Mr. Savage in connexion with the African Mission, reported, and their report was accepted and approved. On motion,

Resolved that the Second Volume of the Missionary Chronicle be so arranged as to close with the termination of the current year.

Adjourned sine die. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 15, 1834. The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Patterson, Swift, Hennen and Wilson.

Members elected for the present year, -

Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, D. D.
Luther Balsey, D. D.
Thomas D. Baird
Robert Patterson
Alan D. Campbell

with Messrs. John Hennen, James Wilson, Francis G. Bailey, and Richard Edwards.

Rev. Dr. Herron was re-appointed Chairman of the Committee; Mr. Samuel Thompson, Treasurer, and Rev. E. P. Swift, Cor. Secretary, members of the Committee ex officio.

The Cor. Secretary stated to the Committee that he had ordered a part of the supplies which had been requested by the African Mission to be sent on; and this arrangement was approved and the amount directed to be paid.

Communications from Rev. Wells Bushnell, Henry H. Schoolcraft, Esq., and Miss Martha Boal, were laid before the Committee and read.

The letters from our missionaries in Africa having stated that some of the articles which were forwarded last fall had not been received, and that the others had been damaged, the Cor. Secretary was authorized to take measures to secure such a remuneration, or explanation, as may be requisite to the adjustment of this subject. On motion,

Resolved that Messrs. Baird and Campbell be appointed a committee to draw up a minute on the subject of the views of the Committee in respect to the plan of hereafter, publishing the Missionary Chronicle.

The Committee proceeded to consider the designation of Messrs. Wilson and Newton, and to fix the period of their entrance upon their missions; when the following minute was adopted, viz. In as much as the information which the Committee have received from various sources leads them to the conclusion, that

Northern India opens a promising field of missionary labor, and that the mission already sent needs to be re-inforced; and inasmuch as it appears to be the desire of Messrs. Wilson and Newton to be associated together in the missionary destination, and the desire of the brethren in India, that they should follow them, and the wish of the Presbytery and Congregation by which they are sustained that they should be sent the present season; therefore,

Resolved that the Committee will make arrangements to send these brethren during the course of the ensuing autumn, as a re-inforcement of that mission. On motion,

RESOLVED that extracts from the annual report, which is to be published in a pamphlet form, be inserted in the Miss. Chronicle. On motion,

Resolved that 2000 copies of the report be published under the direction of the Cor. Secretary.

The Committee on the subject of hereafter publishing the Miss. Chronicle, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved that the Cor. Secretary and the assistant Clerk, with Rev. Thomas D. Baird, be a committee to provide materials and superintend the publication of the Chronicle; provided that in doubtful cases the Ex. Committee shall be consulted with respect to the materials and proceedings to be adopted.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, held in the city of Pittsburgh, May 6, 1834, the following minute was adopted; viz.

"The Corresponding Secretary laid before the Board a communication from the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society, which was read; and, on motion, it was Resolved, That the communication of the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society be referred, for final adjudication, to the Executive Committee."

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Western Foreign Mission-

ary Society, held in Pittsburgh on the 18th day of May, A. D. 1854, the following minute was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society; viz.

The Cor. Secretary and Clerk of the Committee presented the application of the Board of Managers at Washington which had been referred by the Board to the Executive Committee; and the same was read, as follows; viz.

"Extract from the minutes of the proceedings of the American Colonization Society, April 17, 1854.

"Resolved, that a representation be made by the Board to the Board of Managers of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, stating to them, that this Board have not succeeded in obtaining a suitable Agent for their Colony at Liberia; and that this Board earnestly request the permission of the Managers of said Missionary Society, that the Rev. John B. Pinney be authorized to accept the appointment of Colonial Agent of the American Colonization Society."

A true copy.

P. R. Fendal, Recorder."

When, after mature deliberation, the Ex. Committee decided that the following expression of opinion be adopted, in answer to the request of the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society; viz.

The Executive Committee of the Western Foreign Missionary Society have received the application of the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society with sentiments of great respect and cordiality, and endeavored to take a dispassionate and impartial view of the subject to which it refers. - Having sustained the expense and anxiety connected with the previous visit of Mr. Pinney to the coast of Africa, and afforded him the opportunity of acquiring such knowledge and experience as might fit him to take a leading part in the establishment of the present Mission, they feel that in yielding their consent to such a temporary arrangement as deprives the mission, at its outset, of the advantages of his personal co-operation, they have given to the Managers of the Colony a testi-

mony of their sincere desire to promote its interests; and if, in their judgment, the continuance of Mr. Pinney in their service for some few months to come shall be an important benefit to the Colony, they are willing that such an understanding should exist. But when they consider the anxiety of Mr. Pinney, recently expressed to be released from that station, that he may be able to devote his entire attention to the duties of his ministerial office; the feeble state of that mission; the anxiety of its members to retain Mr. Pinney; and the little prospect they have of being speedily able to reinforce it, or even sustain it, if one of its members should be removed; and when they consider the serious pecuniary loss to the Society which the withdrawal of Mr. Pinney would involve, and the probability that some layman might be found, whose habits of business and other qualifications would better fit him for the office of Colonial Agent, they cannot believe it to be their duty to accede to the proposal; anxious as they are to oblige the respected Board of Managers, and to do all in their power to advance the prosperity of the Colony itself. They would, therefore, connect with the expression of their willingness that Mr. Pinney should retain his present relations for some time to come the earnest desire that the Board would make other and permanent arrangements as soon as practicable.

A true copy of the minute.

Attest. E. P. Swift, Cor. Sec'y.

Pittsburgh, May 27, 1834. The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Halsey, Hannen and Wilson.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

A letter from Dr. Samuel Stephenson, of Bainbridge, Ohio, expressing his desire to be employed as a physician at a missionary station among the Western

Indians, was laid before the Committee by the Assistant Clerk; read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A communication was received from Rev. William D. Smith, containing a report of his agency, principally in Ohio, from October 1, 1835, to May 1, 1834; with an account of his receipts and expenditures; which was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Campbell and Thompson.

Mr. James Wilson appeared before the Committee, and read a narrative of his agency, performed in parts of Indiana and Ohio, in the spring of the present year, accompanied with a list of names of subscribers obtained for the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, and of contributions to the friends of the Western Foreign Missionary Society; which was referred to the same committee.

A communication from Rev. Joseph Kerr of the Western Indian Mission was presented, read, and referred to the committee recently appointed to provide materials for the Miss. Chronicle, to make such extracts as they may consider suitable for publication.

A letter from Rev. Joseph Huber, giving a statement of his agency, within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Louisville, West Lexington, and Ebenezer, was laid before the Committee, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A paper was presented to the Committee in relation to a Missionary Almanac, about to be published by Mr. Luke Loomis, of this city, with a request that it might be published under the auspices, or with the recommendation of the Society. On motion,

Resolved that the subject be referred to Rev. R. Patterson and the Assistant Clerk.

The Assistant clerk stated to the Committee, that he had in his hands attested copies of resolutions passed by several Presbyteries, favorable to the organization and interests of the Western Foreign Missionary Society; some of which were read; and it appears, that "The Presbytery of Erie, in their sessions

at North East, Nov. 15, 1853, cordially approving of the zeal and ability of the Board of the Western Foreign Missionary Society; and feeling, as we hope, as we do in some degree, the spirit of missions, which is the true spirit of the Gospel, on motion, Resolved,

1. That we will support one missionary in the foreign field.
2. That Rev. Wells Bushnell, a member of this Presbytery, who is now being sent by the Board to the Western Indians, be that missionary, and that the missionary year commence at the meeting of the Synod, October, 1853.
3. That these resolutions be transmitted to the Secretary of the Board by our Stated Clerk."

The following is an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of West Tennessee, held at Franklin, Tenn. April 3, 1834.

"On motion, Resolved, That this Presbytery become auxiliary to the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved, That Rev. Duncan Brown, D. D. be appointed an agent to visit the churches within the bounds of this Presbytery, for the purpose of raising the requisite amount of funds to support a foreign missionary, selected and sent by this Presbytery, as an Auxiliary to the Western Foreign Missionary Society; and that the ministers, whom he may visit, will, as far as convenient, aid in promoting this object.

Resolved, That brothers Hardin, Hall and Arnell be a committee to select a missionary, agreeably to the tenor of the foregoing resolutions."

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Indianapolis, held at Land Creed Church, April 7, 1834, the following resolutions were adopted.

"Resolved, 1st, That this Presbytery highly approve the ecclesiastical organization, plan and operations of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, and declare itself auxiliary to that institution.

Resolved, 2d, That the Western Foreign Missionary Society be recommend-

ed to the cordial patronage of the churches under our care."

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Madison, held at Madison, Indiana, April 9, 1854, the following resolution was adopted, viz.

"Resolved, that this Presbytery become auxiliary to the Western Foreign Missionary Society, at Pittsburgh; and that through the friends of that Society, we will support a missionary in the foreign field; and those who prefer the other Board, be left to unite together in the support of a missionary under the direction of that Board."

Mr. Baird, of the Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws of the Society, reported rules for the government of the Ex. Committee in their meetings; which were read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the records of the Society. (See the concluding page of this book.)

Adjourned to meet in the Mission Room on the last Tuesday of next month, at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, June 25, 1854. The Executive Committee met, agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Campbell, Swift, Wilson and Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the American Tract Society, on the subject of foreign distribution, was received, read, and committed to the Corresponding Secretary to reply to it.

A communication from two members of the executive committee of the Mercer County Missionary Association, on the subject of the principles on which missionaries can be received and taken under the care of the Society, was presented and read; and a letter, in reply, was read by the Cor. Secretary, approved, and ordered to be sent.

Rev. John P. Hudson, as executor of the estate of Mrs. M'Vicker, was

constituted a director for life of the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

The nomination of an Agent for the West was taken up, and, after some discussion, was deferred until the next meeting.

The Cor. Secretary and Mr. Campbell were appointed a committee to nominate a suitable person, to be chosen as a General Agent in the eastern cities.

Whereas certain letters, purporting to have been written and sent to this country by our assistant missionary, Mr. Temple, and speaking in very unfavorable terms of the Colony at Liberia, are circulating in the public papers; therefore,

Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary and Mr. Campbell be appointed to make inquiry on the subject, and report on the same.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday next, at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 1, 1834. The Executive Committee met, agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Members present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, Hannen, and Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Assistant Clerk presented his report.

After some progress in reading communications presented by the Cor. Secretary, the Committee had a recess until 12 o'clock.

After the recess, the Committee met and resumed business.

Resolved, That the Treasurer, in conference with the Cor. Secretary, be directed to forward such articles, now in possession, as may be useful to the Western Mission; and to dispose of such as it may be inexpedient to send to any missionary station. On motion,

Resolved, That the committee appointed in the case of Mr. Temple be

instructed to write to the Committee in Philadelphia, and request them to confer with Mr. Temple - investigate the matter referred to, and report to this Committee the result of their inquiries.

A letter from Rev. John B. Pinney, announcing the decease of Rev. Messrs. Cloud and Laird, and Mrs. Laird, was received and read; when, on motion,

1. Resolved, That the Executive Committee have just learned with deep sorrow, and they trust also with deep humiliation before God, the distressing intelligence of the sudden removal by death of the Rev. Matthew Laird and his wife, and the Rev. John Cloud, their missionaries in Africa; and the consequent almost entire suspension of their operations in Liberia, at a moment when the interests of missions in Africa and the hopes of the friends of Zion appeared to be deeply involved in it.

2. Resolved, That the cheerfulness and alacrity with which these, our deceased friends and fellow laborers, embarked in that perilous enterprise, the developments of missionary zeal and excellence which had already been made by them, and the moral courage and love to the souls of the heathen, which they displayed even to the last, have been such as to give the Committee a deep sense of the loss which they have sustained; and to consecrate the memory of these devoted servants of Christ, in the hearts of all the friends of the missionary cause.

The Cor. Secretary presented a draft of a Circular to the friends of the Society generally, in reference to this painful intelligence; which was read, approved, and ordered to be published. On motion,

Resolved, That the Western Board of Agency and Correspondence be requested to nominate a person who, in their judgment, would make a suitable General Agent of the Society in the West. On motion,

resolved, That a correspondence be opened with brethren at Philadelphia and Princeton upon the subject of a General Agent for the Eastern section of the Church, and the expediency of appointing the individual whose name has been before

the Committee.

A communication was received from Mr. Samuel C. Robinson, of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, offering himself as a missionary to the heathen; which was read and laid on the table. On motion,

Resolved, That it be expedient to see whether the Western Boards of Agency and correspondence concur in the nomination of the General Agent for that region already made by one of them before the said nomination shall be adopted by the Committee.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Monday morning next at 9 o'clock, to spend the morning in religious exercises, in reference to the mournful intelligence lately received from Africa; and the afternoon in business.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 7, 1834. 9 o'clock A. M. Three members of the Executive Committee met according to adjournment; but a quorum not appearing, adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

July 7th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Ex. Committee met according to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Swift and Hannen.

The Chairman being absent, Rev. A. D. Campbell was called to the Chair; and the Committee constituted with prayer.

The Corresponding Secretary laid before the Committee a communication of Dr. Todson, of Liberia, relating to his medical attendance to the Mission Family at Monrovia; and also a letter from Hon. Walter Lowrie, expressing the views of the Board of the American Colonization Society on the subject; which were read, when, on motion,

Resolved, That Dr. Todson's draft be not accepted, and that the Secretary give to the Bank a transcript of Mr. Lowrie's letter, in connexion with the com-

munication of the decision of the Committee on this subject.

Letters and certificates, in respect to Dr. Samuel Stephenson, were laid before the Committee and read, when, on motion,

Resolved, That Dr. Samuel Stephenson, of Bainbridge, Ohio, be, and he hereby is accepted, and taken under the direction of this Society, as a medical assistant in the missionary service.

Adjourned to meet at this place on Monday next at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 14, 1834. Four members of the Ex. Committee met according to adjournment; but not being able to form a quorum, adjourned to meet at this place on Thursday next at 9 o'clock A. M.

July 17, 1834. The Committee met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Swift, Hannen, Thompson and Wilson.

Mr. Patterson was called to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A testimonial from the Professors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton having been received and read, on motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel C. Robinson be and he is hereby received and taken under the care and direction of this Society, as a missionary to the heathen.

Whereas it is the desire of this Committee to obtain more definite information, as to the practicability of commencing missionary operations in some salubrious part of Africa; and whereas, in order to do this, it seems desirable to send out this season, if practicable, an exploring agent, or agents, to visit the Cape of Good Hope and the interior regions, as well as the Eastern and Western coasts, therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to make inquiry as to the possibility of obtaining a suitable person, or persons, to fulfill such an agency, and report to the Committee as soon as practicable.

Rev. Richard Brown was appointed an agent to operate for three months on such field as the Cor. Secretary may designate; to commence his labors when the Secretary shall think advisable. On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee will proceed, agreeably to the suggestion of Mr. Burbank, to establish a school among the Ioway Indians, as soon as arrangements can be made. On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph Huber be informed that it is the purpose of the Committee to send him, as a missionary, to some other parts of the Mediterranean during the course of the present season; and that he be requested to prosecute his agency as soon as practicable.

The Committee resumed the subject of the appointment of a General Agent for the East, when Rev. Isaac Candee, of Belvidere, N. J. was duly appointed; and the Secretary directed to inform him of his appointment; and that the fixing of the amount of his salary be left with the Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary stated, that when Mr. Pinney was fitted out as a missionary to Africa, the sum of \$ was paid for his outfit, and that the Society had also paid \$100 for the passage of Mr. Pinney to Liberia, it being then understood by Mr. Pinney and the Secretary, that those sums were to be charged to the American Colonization Society, in the event of his entrance into their service as Colonial Agent, on motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to apprise the Board of the A. Colonization Society of these facts, and to settle the account with them.

The report of the Assistant Clerk was read in part; and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 20th inst. at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 24, 1854.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Swift and Wilson.

Rev. James Matheson, a Director of the London Missionary Society, and Rev. David Lewis of the Presbytery of Blairsville, being present, were invited to take their seats as corresponding members.

On motion, Resolved, That copies of the publications of this Society be presented to Rev. Messrs. James Matheson and Andrew Reed; to the London Missionary Society; the Church Missionary Society; the Scottish Missionary Society; and the Wesleyan Missionary Society; and that the same be committed to the care of Rev. Mr. Matheson.

On motion, Resolved, 1. That the Ex. Com. of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, with great satisfaction, avail themselves of the opportunity which the presence of their worthy Brother, the Rev. James Matheson, presents to express to the Directors of the London Missionary Society their respectful and affectionate interest in that truly noble Institution, in its efforts to extend the Gospel of our common Lord and Master throughout the world; and their desire, while prosecuting the same object in an humble measure, to enjoy the advantages of the example and the counsels of that Institution:

2. Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, as an infant institution, just commencing its operations, enjoying the patronage of a large and respectable portion of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; and especially, a Society directing a portion of its earliest efforts to the immense population of continental India, feel a peculiar desire to share in the supplications of the fellow Christians in the British Isles, and to receive the benefits of the experience of their brethren who have been intrusted

with the direction of those extended plans which have been adopted by them to propagate the everlasting Gospel among the nations of the earth.

3. Resolved, That our worthy Brethren, the Rev. Messrs. James Matheson and Andrew Reed, be respectfully requested on their return to England, to express to the said Board our kind regards, and to communicate to them the sentiments which this Society cherishes, and beg their acceptance of the accompanying publications of the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

4. Resolve, That the thanks of this Committee be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Matheson for the affectionate interest in this Society which he has exhibited, and the useful and valuable information which he has now communicated.

Adjourned to meet at this place on Tuesday next at 9 o'clock, A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 29, 1834

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Campbell, Swift, and Thompson.

The minutes of the two last meetings of the Committee were read.

Letters from Rev. Joshua Brewer, Rev. Mr. Crothers, Dr. Stephenson, Mr. Garrettson, of New York, Rev. Dr. Green, and Rev. J. L. Dinwiddie, were received and read.

On motion, Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last meeting, in relation to the act of sending on an exploring agent, to visit southern Africa, be, and it is hereby rescinded.

On motion, Resolved, That the Assistant Clerk be instructed to have, forthwith, removed, and placed in the office of the Society, all the papers, books, maps, charts, &c. which are the property of the Society; to prepare a list of the whole; and to make suggestions to the Committee in relation to such books and other articles

as may be necessary in the transaction of business.

Rev. R. Patterson made a report on the subject of the printing and sale of the Memoirs of Rev. Joseph W. Barr; which was read and referred to Messrs. Thompson and Campbell, to report on the same.

The Committee, to whom was referred the account of Mr. Smith, reported, and recommended, that the Committee should not allow the \$50 which Mr. Smith expended for the purchase of a horse while in the service of the Board; which was adopted.

Adjourned to meet at this place on the third Tuesday of August next, at nine o'clock, A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 19, 1834.

Some members of the Ex. Committee convened, but a quorum not appearing, adjourned to meet on Tuesday next at 9 o'clock A. M.

Pittsburgh, August 26, 1834.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Campbell, Hannen, and Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of Rev. R. Patterson on the subject of the printing and sale of the Memoir of Rev. Joseph W. Barr, presented their report, recommending that the proposals of Mr. Patterson be accepted by the Executive Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That this report be accepted and adopted; and that an order be issued by the Cor. Secretary, on the Treasurer, in favor of Mr. Patterson, for the sum of \$122.51; that the copies of the Memoir belonging to the Society, and remaining unsold in this city, be committed to the care of the assistant clerk; who

is instructed to take measures for their sale and distribution; and also to write to gentlemen in other places, who have received copies for sale, on the subject of their disposition; and endeavor to bring the business to a close as soon as practicable.

A communication from Rev. John Barth, Cor. Secretary of the Board of Agency and Correspondence in Cincinnati, upon the subject of appointing a General Agent for the West, was received and read.

A letter from Miss Rebecca Townsend, of the City of Philadelphia, offering herself as an assistant in the foreign missionary service, was received, read, & laid on the table for consideration.

Letters from Rev. Messrs. Breckinridge, Joseph Huber, Elisha M'Curdy, Robert Baird, Samuel D. Blythe, John R. Montgomery, and Mr. James Temple, were received and read.

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at 9 o'clock, A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, September 1, 1854.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Campbell, Halsey, Swift, and Hannen. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Letters from Rev. Wells Bushnell, dated at Wea Station, and at Independence, the latter of which announcing the fact, that he had withdrawn from the Mission Station, were received and read.

The subject of Mr. Bushnell's withdrawal from the mission was taken up, when, on motion, Resolved, that, while the Committee would express their belief that it would be, under existing circumstances, inexpedient for Mr. Bushnell to return, or

to leave the mission service, they approve of his present removal to Independence, believing that, in the existing circumstances of his family, that measure was expedient.

Resolved, That the Committee desire Mr. Bushnell to remain in the connexion of the Society, to superintend the general operations of the Board in that quarter; to visit the various Indian tribes, near and more remote, with a view to the establishment of schools and agricultural improvements; and to perform such other services as the Committee may find it proper to designate.

The offer of Mr. Elihu Sheppard to be taken under the direction of the Board, as an assistant to the Western Mission, was taken up, and, on motion, Resolved, That he be, and he hereby is, accepted, to act in such capacity as the Committee may hereafter designate.

On motion, Resolved, That this Committee consider the connexion of Mr. Temple with the Society as having ceased from and after the time of his leaving Liberia.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1834.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift, Hannen, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The report of the superintendent of the Western Mission, from February 1st to July 16, 1834, showing an expenditure of \$610.31, was read and approved; and from which it appears, that there was a balance of \$101.28½ in his hands on July 16th.

A communication from Rev. J. T. Schermerhorn, tendering to the Society a donation of 100 copies of the History of the Synod of Dort, was read; when, on

motion, Resolved, That the said donation be gratefully accepted, and that the thanks of the Committee be rendered to him for the same.

Resolved, That Rev. R. Patterson be requested to order on and take charge of the sale of the same, and dispose of them for the benefit of the Society,

The Cor. Secretary was authorized to prepare and transmit to Mr. Burr, of Richmond, Virginia, a suitable inscription for the monument of Rev. Joseph W. Barr, about to be erected in the burying ground of that city.

The Secretary was authorized also to procure headstones for the graves of Rev. Matthew Laird and Mrs. Laird, and Rev. John Cloud, and cause the same to be forwarded to Liberia.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. Eli F. Cooily be appointed as an agent for the Eastern section of the Church, and that his salary be fixed at \$1000 per annum, exclusive of travelling expenses.

Rev. William C. Anderson was appointed the Agent for the Western section of the Church, and his salary was fixed at \$800 per annum, exclusive of his travelling expenses.

Adjournment to meet on next Tuesday at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 9, 1854.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Campbell, Halsey and Swift.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary be directed, on his visit to Kentucky, to confer with Mr. Huber as to his views in relation to the disposition of his family and the requisite support of a missionary at Trieste or other place on the Mediterranean.

On motion, Resolved, That, in reference to the application of Miss S. Henderson to be sent to India, the Secretary be authorized to inform her, that the Committee do not think it expedient, at the present time, and in the infancy of that mission, to send any single females, but under special circumstances.

A letter from Rev. J. B. M'Creary, on the subject of the provision of missionary tracts in the German language, was read and laid on the table.

Adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday of the present month at 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 11, 1834.

After the arrival of letters from India, three members of the Ex. Committee convened at the call of the Chairman; but a quorum not appearing, adjourned to meet at this place on the last Tuesday of the month at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 30, 1834

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Campbell, Hennen and Thompson.

A communication from Miss Julia A. Davis, requesting that she might be appointed by this Board as an assistant to our mission to Northern India, and letters from Rev. Albert Barnes and E. S. Ely, D. D. recommending her as a person well qualified for the work in which she desires to engage, were received and read. And, on motion, Resolved, that she be, and she hereby is received under the care and direction of the Society, as an assistant to said mission; and that the Clerk be instructed to inform her of this appointment.

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee appointed to investigate and adjust

the fiscal accounts of the Society be instructed to renew their attention to that subject and report at the next meeting.

On motion, Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to write to Miss Rebecca Townsend on the subject of her application to be received as an assistant in the foreign Missionary service; informing her, that before the Committee can act with propriety on this subject, it is necessary that they receive some suitable testimonial of her Christian character and qualifications for the work of the Lord among the heathen.

A communication from Messrs Foster and Co. ship-owners, stating the terms on which they will take our missionaries, in their ship Edward, to Calcutta, was presented and read. But the Committee, having received information of more recent date, that it is doubtful whether said ship will sail this fall, it was, on motion, Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. Foster and Co. making all necessary inquiry upon this subject; and that he also write to Dr. Phillips, of New York, requesting him to ascertain whether any ship will sail, this fall, from that or other port, to Calcutta, in which a passage for our missionaries can be obtained, in the event of a failure on the part of Messrs. Foster & Co. and communicate to the Committee the result of the inquiries on this point.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Phillips, stating that he would have arrangements made for the ordination of Mr. Newton by the First Presbytery of New York, according to the request of the Committee, was received and read.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Newton be directed to repair to New York, for the purpose of receiving ordination from said Presbytery; and that the Clerk advise Dr. Phillips of the reception of his letter and the resolution of the Committee in relation to this matter.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Wilson be directed to repair to the State of New York, for the purpose of receiving ordination, according to previous arrangement, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Two letters from Hon. Walter Lowrie were received and read; in one of which was enclosed a communication to the Committee from Rev. John C. Lowrie of the Northern Indian Mission.

A letter was received from Mr. S. E. Robinson, requesting that some numbers of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, and subscription papers for that publication, might be forwarded to him, for his use in a tour to the south; and the Clerk was instructed to attend to this request.

A letter from Rev. Eli F. Cody, in reference to his appointment as Agent in the Eastern part of the Presbyterian Church, was received and read.

A communication from Rev. Joseph Kerr was received and read. On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Halsey and Campbell be a committee to prepare some additional instructions to our missionaries among the Western Indians, and report to the Executive Committee.

The following Bye-law was proposed and adopted; viz. Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary keep a daily journal of his official transactions, and, in case of his absence, leave the same with the Assistant Secretary, that the Executive Committee at their meetings, may know what letters have been received and answered - what communications made to correspondent; and further, that the Cor. Secretary suggest such subjects as, in his opinion, may deserve the attention of the Executive Committee in his absence.

Our missionaries, Messrs. Wilson and Newton, being present, and about to take their leave of the Committee, and proceed, as soon as practicable, to the place of their destination, on motion, the Committee united in prayer to God for these brethren and those who are to be associated with them in our mission to Northern India.

The Chairman stated that when attending, as a delegate of the General Assembly, the late meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in this city, he presented to the members of that Body eleven full sets of the Foreign Missionary

Chronicle; which were gratefully received; and the Committee expressed their approbation of his conduct in so doing.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 2, 1854.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Chairman and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Campbell, Hannen; and Thompson.

A letter from Hon. Walter Lowrie was received and read. In this letter Mr. Lowrie expresses his views in favor of a High School, as a part of the plan of instruction to be pursued by our missionaries in Northern India; and proposes if this object meet the approbation of the Executive Committee, to make a donation of four or five hundred dollars, to purchase a philosophical apparatus for the benefit of such a school. He also gives an extract of a letter from Rev. John C. Lowrie, in which accordant views are expressed, and intelligence communicated of the encouragement to our missionaries which is given by Captain Wade, political Agent at Loodianeh.

The Executive Committee, considering the contents of the letter now read, and availing themselves of the information on the subject of a High School communicated by Messrs. Lowrie and Reed, in their joint letter of April 24th, 1854, on motion, Resolved, That they do cordially approve of the object contemplated by the Hon. W. Lowrie, and feel grateful for his liberal offer, and for the interest which he manifests in the success and prosperity of our missions; and that the Clerk be instructed to forward forthwith to him a copy of this minute and resolution.

On motion, Resolved, That the Hon. Walter Lowrie be authorized and respectfully requested to write to Rev. John B. Pinney now Colonial Agent in Liberia, requesting him to take measures to make sale of all the property of the Western

Foreign Missionary Society which remains on hand at Monrovia, and forward a report to the Executive Committee as soon as practicable.

Adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday of this month at 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 15, 1854.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Chairman, and constituted with prayer. Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Campbell, Hannen, Thompson, and Wilson.

A letter from Foster & Co. stating that it is uncertain whether their ship Edward will sail for Calcutta this fall, was received and read.

A letter from Mr. Keyes, Clerk at the Mission Rooms of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, was received and read; stating that a ship would sail from the port of Boston, bound for Calcutta, between the 1st and 10th day of November, in which several missionary families would take passage for India; that the cost of the passage would be \$200 for each person; and that there is ample room in that vessel for our missionaries.

On motion, Resolved, That the proposition of a passage for our missionaries in the ship referred to be accepted, and that the Clerk be instructed to write to Rev. Dr. Wisner, now at Utica, N.Y. upon this subject, and send a duplicate of the letter to Mr. Keyes, requesting them to bespeak a passage for five persons on the terms above mentioned; and also, to write to Mr. Wilson, informing him, and, through him the other members of our mission, of this resolution of the Board.

A letter was received from Mr. Moses Shepherd of Baltimore, in which was contained an account of Mr. Joshua Chase, of Monrovia, amounting to \$20. against the Western Foreign Missionary Society, for services rendered to Mr. Laird and wife and Mr. Cloud, during their sickness. On motion, Resolved, That the account be returned to Mr. Chase, thro' Mr. Shepherd; and that Rev. John B. Pinney be

requested to settle the account for the Society according to equity.

A letter from Mr. James R. Campbell was received and read; in which the writer states, that he expects to be shortly ordained, as a missionary to the heathen, by the Philadelphia Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and to be placed, at the meeting of the Synod of said Church in August next, under the care of our Society; and in which he mentions his arrangements for the interim, and expresses some solicitude about the place of his destination. On motion, Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Campbell, stating that the Committee are pleased to learn, that he is about to be ordained - that they approve of the course which he intends to pursue; that they have it in contemplation to establish missions in several parts of the world, and are disposed to consult, to some extent, the wishes of their missionaries in respect to their location; and, on this point, to pay a due regard to the opinion of the respected body with which he is connected.

A letter of accounts from Rev. John C. Lowrie was received and read; and, on motion, was referred to Messrs. Patterson and Campbell, to consider and report on its contents.

The Assistant Clerk presented his report upon the subject of the books, maps, charts and papers of the Society; which was accepted, and referred to Messrs. Halsey and Baird.

An epitome of the receipts and expenditures of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, from its organization up to the 3d day of July, 1834, prepared principally by Caruthers, was presented and read by the Assistant Clerk; and Messrs. Campbell and Patterson were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Caruthers upon the subject of his past and future services as an accountant and book-keeper.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Hannen be directed to fill the order of Rev. Joseph Kerr, contained in his letter of the ----- (no date) for medicines, &c. for the use of our Mission to the Western Indians, and forward the same to the Nea Station as soon as practicable.

On motion, Resolved, That three standing committees of two members each, be appointed, to attend to the business of our three Missions respectively, that is, the Missions to Western Africa, Northern India, and the Western Indians; reporting to the Executive Committee.

Adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday of this month at nine o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Stoubenville, Ohio, October 20, 1834.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Chairman, and was constituted with prayer. Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Patterson, Halsey, Campbell, and Bailey.

On motion, it was resolved that Mr. Elishu Shepherd be sent out this fall to the Wea Station, as soon as the water rises, and that an effort be made to collect such articles as may be necessary to the Mission, and committed to his care.

Adjournment to meet on the last Tuesday of this month. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, October 28, 1834.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Hannen, Thompson and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee proceeded, agreeably to Article VI. of the Constitution of the Society, to appoint a member in the place of Rev. Alan D. Campbell, whose term of service in the Board has expired; and by a unanimous vote, chose Rev. Joseph W. Blythe, to act as a member of their body until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

A letter from Rev. E. M'Curdy was received and read; and, on motion, it was resolved, that the Chairman write to him, and enclose a certificate of the appointment of Mr. Elihu Shepherd, as an assistant to our mission to the Western Indians, to be employed in such a way as the Committee may hereafter designate.

A letter from Hon. Walter Lowrie was received and read; in which he expresses his gratification, that the Committee had adopted the measure of the High School in India; states that he has purchased the most important parts of a philosophical apparatus, with the exception of a telescope, which he hopes will be obtained; and subjoins a list of the articles with their prices.

A letter from Rev. Joseph Kerr was received and read, in which he communicates information of a Missionary Convention, held at the Baptist Shawnee Station in July last, consisting of members of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian denominations, with the resolutions which they passed.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 19, 1834.

The Committee met at the call of the Clerk, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter from Mr. Samuel E. Robinson was received and read, whereupon, on motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer forward the sum of \$140 to Mr. Robinson for the purposes mentioned in his letter, and with a view to his outfit as an agent in the service of the Society, & as a part of his compensation as an Agent.

A letter from Rev. Josiah Brewer of Smyrna, was received and read. Whereupon, on motion, Resolved, that Professor Halsey and the Cor. Secretary be appointed a committee to attend to certain inquiries suggested by the same, and report in due season.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. James M'Ewen be appointed as an agent to visit such congregations as may be designated by the Cor. Secretary.

The Cor. Secretary and Assistant Clerk were appointed a Committee to confer with the janitor upon the subject of his compensation, and determine the sum to which he is entitled for his services.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Baird, the Cor. Secretary, and the As. Clerk, be a committee to consider the expediency of enlarging the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, from the commencement of the year 1835, and report at the next stated meeting.

Mr. Hannen stated, that Rosanna Hardy, a servant girl living in his family, had resolved to devote herself to the service of the Society.

Mr. Thompson was appointed a member of the committee on the subject of Mr. Lowrie's accounts, in place of Rev. A. D. Campbell; and the Cor. Secretary, in place of Mr. Campbell, as a member of the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Caruthers in relation to his services as an accountant and book-keeper.

A letter from Rev. Joseph Kerr was laid before the Committee and read.

The Cor. Secretary was requested to draw up a paper on the subject of the designation of the missionaries now under the care of the Society, to be submitted to the Committee at their next meeting.

A minute, in reference to the case of Mr. Huber, and the mission to Trieste, was submitted by the Cor. Secretary, read, and laid over until the next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at this place on the last Tuesday of this month.

Concluded with prayer.

Mission Room, Pittsburgh, Nov. 25, 1854.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Patterson, Halsey, Swift and Hannen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Baird, from the Committee on the subject of the books, maps, charts, and other furniture of the Mission Room, presented a report, which was read and adopted; and Mr. Patterson and the Cor. Secretary were appointed a committee to procure the articles therein specified, which are as follows:

1. An octavo Bible with copious marginal references.
2. An approved Concordance of the Holy Scriptures.
3. A good Commentary on the Old and New Testaments, of a cheap edition, but substantially bound, if such can be obtained.
4. A general Geography and Atlas, with the most recent improvements.
5. A universal Gazetteer.
6. A good orthographical, defining and pronouncing Dictionary.
7. Some Journals of Exploring Missionaries.
8. Biographies of Missionaries distinguished for wisdom, piety and success; such as Elliot, Brainerd, Swartz, Martyn, Harriet Newell, Mrs. Judson, &c.
9. Histories of Missions - Brown's, Smith's, &c.
10. Tyrman and Bennet.
11. Two or three of the best Religious Newspapers published in the United States.
12. A few small articles of minor importance - a pitcher, two or three tumblers, twine, &c."

On motion, Resolved, That the Society of Inquiry on Missions of the Western Theological Seminary be allowed, on such terms as the Ex. Committee may appoint, a gratuitous use of the books belonging to the Library of the Society.

On motion, Resolved, That the Assistant Secretary act as Librarian; and that he prepare and submit to the Committee a system of rules in relation to the preservation, lending and return of the books of the Society's Library.

Mr. Hennen reported, That he had filled the order of Mr. Kerr for medicine, &c. for the use of the Wea Mission, and forwarded the articles - And having presented his account, the Secretary was authorized to issue an order on the Treasurer for the payment of the amount.

Several papers and documents were received from Rev. Josiah Brewer, missionary at Smyrna; which were referred to Professor Halsey and the Cor. Secretary; and it was resolved that said papers and documents be deposited in the Library of the Society.

A letter was received from Mr. James M'Ewen, containing an application to be received under the care of the Society, and employed as a foreign missionary. It was accompanied by recommendatory letters from Rev. Drs. Alexander and Miller, of the Theological Seminary at Princeton and the Session of the Eighth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, in which Mr. M'Ewen has acted as ruling elder; which letters were read; and, on motion, it was Resolved; That Mr. M'Ewen be received as a candidate for the foreign missionary service.

On motion, Resolved, That directions be given to all the Agents of the Society to forward reports of their Agency regularly to the Committee once in every two months.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary and Professor Halsey were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature of Pennsylvania for an act incorporating the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

A letter was received from Mr. John Armstrong, Professor of Mathematics in Franklin College, Ohio, requesting that a copy of the For. Missionary Chronicle from its commencement may be sent gratuitously for the Library of said College; and, on motion, it was resolved that the request be granted.

Adjourned to meet at this place on Tuesday the 9th of next month, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, December 9, 1834.

The Ex. Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, Bailey, and Wilson.

A communication from Mr. Edward Cope, expressing his desire to be employed as a missionary, under the care of this Society, among the Mandan Indians, was presented, read, and laid on the table for consideration.

Mr. Swift, from the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature of this State for the incorporation of the W. F. M. Society, reported in favor of the measure, and presented the form of an application; which was accepted; and, on motion, Messrs. Swift, Halsey, and Blythe, were appointed a committee to inspect the charter of the Western Missionary Society and accommodate it to the constitution and circumstances of the Western Foreign Missionary Society - to have it presented to the Legislature, and take such measures in attending to this business as may appear best calculated to secure the object contemplated.

Mr. Patterson, chairman of the committee on the subject of opening and keeping the accounts of the Society, already commenced by Mr. Jesse Carothers, ^{is} also spelled Carothers), presented a report, which was accepted, and Mr. Carothers was appointed book-keeper, and allowed a compensation of \$12.50 a month, and \$20 for his past services.

The committee, to whom was referred the letter of our missionary Mr. Lowrie, containing a statement of the pecuniary transactions of the Mission to Northern India, reported, that they found the accounts of Mr. Lowrie had been kept with great care and accuracy; and recommended that entries be made in our books in accordance with said statement. This report was accepted.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Mission Room, Pittsburgh, Dec.15, 1854.

The Ex. Committee met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Halsey, Blythe, Swift, Thompson and Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Cor. Secretary presented a letter from Rev. John H. Gray, containing a report of his agency, (as far as he had advanced in it) performed in the States of Mississippi and Alabama. Also, a copy of Resolutions passed by the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama at their last meeting, and signed by their Stated Clerk, in which they recommend to the Presbyteries and Churches under their care to become auxiliary to the Western Foreign Missionary Society. (See the document in the F. M. Chronicle for February, 1855.)

A written application from Rosetta Hardy to be received as an assistant to our mission among the Weas was laid before the Committee; and, on motion, it was resolved, that she be received as a candidate for employment at that missionary station.

The committee appointed on the subject of obtaining an act of the Legislature for the incorporation of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, reported a form of a charter; which was read, accepted, and adopted; and the Cor. Secretary was instructed to go on to Harrisburgh, and endeavor to bring the subject of the charter before the Legislature in such season and manner as shall most probably lead to a favorable result.

On motion, it was resolved, that Mr. Cope be taken under the care of the Society, and that his proposition to be employed in the missionary service among the Mandan Indians be accepted.

Two letters from Rev. John C. Lowrie were received and read; in one of which, dated July 20, 1854, he states, that he would, without delay, set out from Calcutta for Loodianeh, and gives an estimate of the probable expense of the journey, &c. and

also informs the Committee, that Mr. Wm. Reed, on account of impaired health, with his wife, would embark the next day in the ship Edward, bound for the United States.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of enlarging the For. Missionary Chronicle, presented a report, which was accepted; but a decision on certain points proposed was deferred until the next meeting of the Ex. Committee.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at half past 11 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Mission Room, Dec. 16, 1854.

The Ex. Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Halsey, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, Wilson and Bailey.

The report on the subject of enlarging the Foreign Missionary Chronicle was taken up and read. Whereupon, on motion, Resolved that it is inexpedient, at present, to enlarge the Chronicle by printing more than one sheet monthly; but the Cor. Secretary is authorized to procure cuts or engravings (on as favorable terms as possible) representing some country, city, town, missionary field or station, or some heathen temple or form of idolatry, for the purpose of giving interest to the publication.

A letter was received from Mr. Paton, Treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of New York, in reference to the application of the surplus funds of that Congregation, for this year, to the purchase of a printing press for the Mission to Northern India. Also, a letter from Mr. Robinson, acknowledging the receipt of his commission and the remission of funds in advance of his agency.

It appearing that our missionary, Rev. John C. Lowrie, in anticipation of the wishes of this Committee, caused a head-stone to be erected over the grave of his deceased wife at Calcutta, and paid for the same out of funds in his hands as our missionary; therefore, Resolved, That the Committee cordially approve of this

appropriation, and that the Treasurer charge the same to the general expense fund of the Mission to Northern India. (Cost \$40. See letter of J. C. L. to W. L. June 26, 1834, in Letter Book, India Missionaries, 1833-1837 - Page 76.)

Resolved, Adly. That a copy of this minute be transmitted to our missionary Mr. Lowrie, and also to the Hon. Walter Lowrie, Washington City.

Adjourned to meet on Friday next at 11 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Mission Room, Pittsburgh, Dec. 19, 1834.

The Ex. Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Blythe, Swift, Hannen, Wilson, and Bailey.

The Committee having received information, by a letter from Rev. E. Macurdy, that Mr. William Culver and his wife desire to be received under the care of the W.F.M.Society, as assistants in some mission among the Western Indians, on motion, it was resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to them, informing them of the necessity of a written application to the Committee, and of some suitable testimonials of their good standing as members of the Maumee Mission before its dissolution.

The Cor. Secretary presented a report intended to facilitate the selection and occupancy of the most suitable missionary fields; which was read, accepted, and laid on the table.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. R. Patterson be requested to procure for the Society a copy of Rev. Charles Gutzlaff's History of China and Mr. Abe 1's Residence in China and vicinity.

On motion, the Cor. Secretary was requested to report to the Ex. Committee the instructions which he gave to the Reinforcement to our Mission in Northern India which recently embarked for Calcutta.

The Cor. Secretary was also requested to prepare an additional report on the subject of the present state and prospects of Africa as a missionary field.

Adjourned until to-morrow at half past 10 o'clock; and concluded with prayer.

Mission Room, Pittsburgh, Dec. 20, 1834.

The Ex. Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, and Wilson.

A letter was received from Mrs. Harriet Reed, communicating the mournful intelligence of the decease of her husband, Rev. William Reed, one of our missionaries to Northern India, who departed this life on the 12th day of August last on board the ship Edward (Capt. Land) in which he had embarked for the U. States.

The Cor. Secretary presented the subject of the destination of the missionaries under the care of the W. F. M. Society; and after a free conversation, the Committee intimated, as their opinion, if no other course should in the meantime require a change of this determination, that Messrs. McEwen and Robinson be sent to Northern India, to be employed in the service of Christ either at Loodianeh or some other position which may be selected for a missionary establishment; and that Mr. Campbell's designation be referred to the body by whom he is to be sustained.

Adjourned to meet at this place on next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.
Concluded with prayer.

Mission Room, Pittsburgh, Dec. 23, 1834.

The Executive met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Halsey, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, and Hannen.

A letter from Mr. Culver and wife was received, containing a regular application for their admission as assistants in some mission among the Western.

Indians, under the care of this Society; which was laid on the table.

A letter was received from a committee of the Evangelical Society of La Fayette College, requesting that a copy of the For. Miss. Chronicle may be sent to them gratis: Resolved, That the request be granted.

The following minute and resolutions, presented by the Cor. Secretary, were read, considered, and adopted; viz.

Whereas the Rev. Bently Pixley, late a missionary among the Osages near the Missouri River, did, in consequence of some local difficulties, not affecting his moral or ministerial character, withdraw from the missionary field, and has not for some years been so employed; and, whereas this Committee have understood, that, while Mr. Pixley does not expect to re-enter the missionary service in his former connexion, he would be willing to accept an appointment from this Society for some other field in the West, therefore, Resolved, 1st. That Mr. Pixley be, and he hereby is appointed a missionary under the care of this Society, for the Western service, provided there is no existing engagement or relation between him and the American Board, or any other Society, which renders such an appointment unsuitable.

Resolved, 2dly, That the Cor. Secretary transmit a copy of this minute to the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, requesting information from them as to their concurrence in this appointment; and also, to Rev. Mr. Pixley, apprizing him, that the Committee desire, if he is not otherwise engaged, that he would enter their service as soon as circumstances allow, and transmit to them a statement of his views as to the field which he might most profitably occupy; also, such other suggestions, in reference to Indian Missions, as may aid and guide us in prosecuting these Missions.

On motion, Resolved, That the Ex. Committee will hereafter hold regular meetings twice in each month, on Friday evenings at six o'clock.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at half past 11 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Mission Room, Pittsburgh, Dec. 25, 1834.

The Committee having failed to meet yesterday, according to adjournment, convened to-day at the call of the Cor. Secretary and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Swift, Thompson, Wilson and Bailey.

A communication from Mr. Hallock, Cor. Secretary of the American Tract Society, in relation to donations, in cash of \$500. and in the publications of that Society, for the use of our missionaries in foreign lands, was presented and read. The principles on which the Am. Tract Society makes pecuniary grants are stated, in this document, in the following terms; viz.

"The Society's pecuniary grants may be applied to the circulation of;

1. This Society's publications; or, 2. Faithful translations of the same; or,
3. Faithful translations of portions of Scripture, as the Ten Commandments and other plain passages; or, 4. Original Tracts in Foreign Languages, faithful translations of which into English shall have been approved by the Publishing Committee.—The above rules are not considered as presenting any obstacle to putting to press at a foreign station original Tracts, not bearing the Society's imprint, as soon as prepared; and placing the expense of so many of such Tracts as shall be sanctioned by the Publishing Committee, to the account of funds from this Society."

The Ex. Committee, having considered these principles of the A. Tract Society, unanimously adopted the following Resolution;

Resolved, That the missionaries of this Board, at the different stations to which appropriations have been, or shall be made by the American Tract Society for the publication of Tracts in foreign languages, be, and they are hereby authorized to proceed in printing all such Tracts as, in their judgment, accord with the principles of that Society, to the full amount of the appropriations of said Society to the missions respectively with which said missionaries are connected; English

translations of such Tracts to be early forwarded to the Executive Committee of the American Tract Society; And in case any such Tract or Tracts shall not be approved by said Committee, the expense of the publication thereof to be defrayed from the funds of this Board.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to the Board of the American Tract Society for their generous donations.

On motion, Resolved also, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to the Board of the American Bible Society for their liberal donation of \$500. to aid our missionaries in the great work of supplying the destitute in foreign lands with copies of the Holy Scriptures in languages which they understand.

The Cor. Secretary presented a copy of the Instructions which were given to the reinforcement to our Mission to Northern India before their embarkation for Calcutta.

On motion, Resolved, That no instructions be hereafter given to our missionaries without the previous action of this Committee, or their having been previously furnished with a copy of the Instructions.

The Committee agreed to have a recess till to-morrow at half past 11 o'clock.

Mission Room, Pittsburgh, Dec. 26, 1834.

The Ex. Committee met according to agreement. Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Swift, Hannen, Thompson, and Wilson.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a draft of a letter, addressed to Mr. Bushnell on the subject of his connexion with this Society; also a draft of a letter to the Secretaries of the American Board, relative to the appointment of Mr. Pixley, as a missionary under the care of our Society; both of which were read and approved.

Agreed to have a recess till Tuesday next.

Mission Room, December 30, 1834.

The Ex. Committee convened after the recess.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Baird, Swift, Blythe and Thompson.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Patterson was called to the Chair.

The Cor. Secretary presented a draft of a petition to the Legislature of this State, requesting that body to grant a charter to the W. F. Missionary Society; which was read, adopted, and ordered to be circulated for the purpose of obtaining signatures.

A letter was received from Mr. Francis H. Lindsay, of Warren County, Ohio, expressing his desire to be taken under the care of this Society, as an assistant in the missionary service among the Western Indians, and employed as a teacher; which was read and laid on the table.

A letter, dated Oct. 14th, was received from Rev. John B. Pinney, in which he mentions his efforts to aid Mr. Joseph F. C. Finley in an attempt to establish a Mission School at Millsburgh, Liberia; and to erect a school-house for its accommodation.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary settle with Foster and Co. on terms as favorable to the Society as can be obtained, for the passage of Mr. and Mrs. Reed on their return from India; and that he be authorized to sustain all the necessary expenses of Mrs. Reed from her arrival on the shores of the United States until she reach the place of her contemplated future residence in this country.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Dr. Herron's, Pittsburgh, Feb. 13, 1835.

The Ex. Committee met at the call of the Chairman and Secretary, and constituted with prayer. Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, and Wilson.

The minutes of several recent meetings were read.

A communication was received from Rev. James R. Campbell, offering himself as a missionary to the Heathen, under the care of this Board; and presenting testimonials of his ministerial character and good standing from the Rev. Dr. Wylie and other members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia of the Reformed Presbyterian Church: Whereupon, it was, on motion, Resolved, that Mr. Campbell be received and taken under the care of this Board; and that his destination be Northern India, unless some circumstance should hereafter render that location inexpedient.

Professor Halsey and the Cor. Secretary, the committee appointed to attend to certain inquiries suggested by a letter of Rev. Josiah Brewer, which was laid before the Ex. Committee Nov. 19, 1834, presented a report, which was accepted.

The Cor. Secretary presented another letter from Mr. Brewer, of more recent date, communicating some information respecting missions on the Mediterranean, which was read.

Resolved to have a recess till six o'clock this evening.

Six O'clock, P.M.

The Committee met according to agreement.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Swift, and Thompson.

A communication was received from Mr. J.F.C. Finley, a teacher of African children in Liberia, under the patronage of a Ladies' Society of New York, in which he mentions his present relations to that Society, and intimates his desire of engaging in the missionary work, under the care of the W. F. Missionary Society, if Providence open the way.

A communication was received from Rev. William C. Anderson, containing a report of his agency in the West; and stating that he had concluded to resign the office of General Agent for the West. The Committee, after considering the subject, appointed, by a unanimous vote, Rev. William L. Breckenridge as permanent General

Agent of the Society in those parts of the Presbyterian Church which are comprized in the Synod of Kentucky, Cincinnati, Indiana, Illinois, and West Tennessee; and resolved that his salary per annum be not less than \$800. nor more than \$1000; the precise sum to be fixed by the Cor. Secretary and Mr. breckenridge.

A letter was received from Rev. Eli F. Cooly, in which he declines accepting the appointment of Agent for the Eastern section of the church.

The Cor. Secretary reported, That, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, he had made all the necessary inquiries as to the reduction of the price of passage in cases like that of Mr. and Mrs. Reed on their return from India; and found that, according to usage and an established rule of ship-owners, no reduction of the price was to be expected on account of the decease of Mr. Reed before the voyage was completed.

The Cor. Secretary also reported, that Joseph P. Eagles, Esq. had generously declined accepting any compensation for the accommodation of Mrs. Reed for several weeks after her arrival in Philadelphia. And, on motion, it was resolved, That the tanks of this Committee be presented to Mr. Eagles for his kind hospitality.

On motion, also, it was resolved, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to Captain Land for his particular attention and kindness to our missionary, Mr. Reed, during his last illness, and to Mrs. Reed under the afflictive and trying dispensations of Divine Providence with which she was visited when on her passage to the United States.

On motion, Resolved, That the subject of the expenses of the return of Mr. and Mrs. Reed lie on the table - that the Cor. Secretary make further inquiries in relation to this matter; conferring with Mrs. Reed in regard to things that are past, and as to her prospects of employment and support in future.

A letter was received from Mr. Bushnell, containing a statement of the inquiries he had made, and the information he had received, respecting the character and condition of several Indian tribes in the West; which letter was accompanied by

an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Wea Mission during the quarter which ended December 31, 1854.

From Mr. Bushnell was also received another letter of more recent date, written in answer to one of the Cor. Secretary, in relation to his connexion with the Society; and stating that, for reasons previously assigned, he had determined to resign his place as a missionary to the Western Indians, and to remove, with his family, early in the approaching spring to the State of Indiana.

Two letters, of different dates, from Mr. Kerr, were received and read.

A communication was received from Rev. John L. Bellville and Rev. John Hudson, bearing testimony to the religious character and suitable qualifications of Mr. Lindsay as an assistant in some Indian mission, particularly as a teacher.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary collect and lay before the Committee, at their next meeting, all the information that can be obtained in reference to the character, habits, and condition of the Ioway Indians, and the probability of their permanent location.

Adjourned to meet at this place next Friday evening at 6 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Dr. Herron's, Pittsburgh, Feb. 20, 1855.

The Ex. Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift, Blythe, and Thompson.

A communication was received from Mr. and Mrs. Ballard, of Pine Grove, Warren County, Pa. offering themselves as assistants in some Indian Mission, under the care of the W.F.Missionary Society; accompanied by certificates from the officers of the church with which they are connected, in relation to their good standing, piety, and other qualifications for the work in which they desire to be employed. On motion, Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Ballard be received under the care of this board as assistants in the Indian Mission service; and that the Cor. Secretary inform them of

this appointment, and of the duties which they will be expected to perform.

The Cor. Sec. presented a report respecting the Ioways, Omahaws, &c. which was read and accepted.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to Rev. J. L. Grant, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Simeon H. Crane, of Lebanon, O., requesting of them information respecting the qualifications of Mr. Lindsay, as an assistant in the instructions of the Western Indians.

The Cor. Secretary presented a report upon the subject of the character and condition of the Ioway Indians, which was read and accepted.

He also reported on the subject of the expenses of the return of Mr. and Mrs. Reed from India; and it was resolved that Mrs. Reed, on account of pecuniary sacrifices in favor of the mission with which she was connected, be allowed to retain the sum of \$100. now in her hand.

Adjourned to meet on the 24th inst. at 7 o'clock P.M. and concluded with prayer.

Dr. Herron's, Pittsburgh, Feb. 24, 1835.

The Ex. Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift, Halsey, Blythe, Hannen and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Dr. Casper Morris, of Philadelphia, stating that a lady was disposed to present to each of our missionaries a copy of Diamond's Essay on War, enlarged and improved by Mr. Grimke, and inquiring whether the Committee would accept of the proffered donation.-- On motion, Resolved, That the communication lie on the table until the Committee shall have an opportunity of examining the work.

A letter was received from Mr. A. H. Phillips, in which he offers to prepare for college, gratuitously, at the High School of Lawrenceville, N.J. a promising heathen youth; and states, that his brother, Mr. L.W. Phillips, will gratuitously clothe the same youth. (Phillips spelled both ways). Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be presented to those gentlemen for their generous offer.

A letter from Rev. Thomas Barr was received and read. Also, a letter from G. G. White, Esq. of Oxford, Ohio, requesting that a copy of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, as a donation, might be sent to the Society of Inquiry in Miami University; which request was granted.

A letter was received from J. G. Graham, giving information of an Auxiliary Mission Society recently organized in Millenium Hope Church, Alabama.

A letter, in answer to one of the Cor. Secretary, was received from Rev. David Green, one of the Secretaries of the American Board, bearing favorable testimony to the character and standing of Rev. Mr. Pixley, and of Mr. and Mrs. Culver during the time of their labors in the missionary service under the care of that Board.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Culver be accepted as assistants, and employed at some missionary station among the Indians, as soon as their labors shall be found necessary.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to digest and present to the Committee a system of operation for the direction of our missionaries and assistants at our stations among the Indians.

A communication from Mr. Gordon was received and read, containing his application to be taken under the care of this Board, and employed as an assistant in some foreign mission of the Society. And after consideration, it was resolved, That Mr. Gordon be dissuaded from his purpose on account of his advanced age and other circumstances.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. Henry Weed, of Wheeling, Va. be appointed

Agent of the Society for the Eastern section of the Church; and that his salary be a subject of correspondence between him and the Secretary.

Adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, at the house of Mr. Swift, and concluded with prayer.

Mr. Swifts, Pittsburgh, March 3, 1835.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Swift, Hennen, and Wilson.

On motion, Resolved, That the Vice President be requested to call immediately a meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held in Pittsburgh on the 24th inst. to change the time and place of the annual meeting of said Board.

A letter from Rev. Joseph S. Wylie was received and read.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Ashbel Green, in relation to an Asiatic (Mr. Peters) who is learning the printing business in Philadelphia, and respecting a bequest of Mr. Arden, of New York, of \$1000 to the Trustees of the General Assembly, to be applied to missionary purposes.

A letter was received from Mr. James McEwen, containing a report in part of his agency, and expressing his desire, that the place of his destination and field of his missionary labors may be Northern India.

A letter was received from Rev. Josiah Brewer, of Smyrna, representing the necessity and importance of sending out ordained missionaries, medical and other assistants, to occupy the field of the Mediterranean.

On motion, it was resolved, That, if Mr. M'Ewen should receive the offer of support in the foreign missionary service from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of New York, the Committee will concur in the plan of his connecting himself with that body.

A letter from Mr. J. F. C. Finley, in Liberia in reference to his future labors, was received and read.

The Committee, having received intelligence of the de cease of Rev. Dr. Wisner, one of the Secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, unanimously adopted the following Resolutions; viz.

Resolved, That this Committee would record their deep sense of the loss which the cause of Foreign Missions has sustained in the recent removal by death of the Rev. Benjamin B. Wisner, D. D. Senior Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and their participation in the feelings of public sorrow which this event of Providence has occasioned.

Resolved, 2. That this Committee affectionately express to the Prudential Committee and the surviving Secretaries of that Board their Christian condolence on this mournful occasion, and their prayer that a gracious God may mercifully sanctify the removal of this lamented brother to the good of that cause to which he was devoted.

Resolved, 3. That a copy of this minute be transmitted, by the Cor. Secretary, to the Secretaries and Prudential Committee of the American Board.

On motion, Resolved, That Rosetta Hardy, appointed as a helper to the missionaries among the Weas, be sent out with Mrs. Hannen, who is about to visit that Station.

Letters from Rev. John Pinney, missionary of the Society, were received and read. After apprizing the Committee of the restoration of his health, his own and Mr. Finley's labors, the erection of a Mission House and other items of business, Mr. Pinney says, "I would gladly find a page devoted to the encouraging of the friends of Jesus not to allow a few defeats or disappointments to deter them from enterprising missions in Africa. The field is white already to the harvest. Do. but send me a few persons to teach schools in the Colony and native villages in its vicinity, until acclimated, and then go forth to the interior; or perhaps without

waiting in the Colony at all, to proceed at once; and I would fain believe truth would prevail and great good be done." - "If the Board can obtain 12 pious colored men, of the Presbyterian Church, their aid would be invaluable."

In reference to the communication of Mr. Pinney, the following minute was adopted and ordered to be published; viz.

In view of the encouraging facts stated by Mr. Pinney, of his earnest solicitation, and the entire harmony between the original plan of operation proposed by them and Mr. Pinney's suggestion, this Committee are ready to receive under their care any persons of approved piety and talents, qualified to impart instruction and use suitable means for the evangelization and conversion of Africa. Mr. Pinney and his present associate, Mr. Finley, would seem to have passed the most critical period in safety, and express great anxiety to be reinforced. How far their firm adherence to the cause, and their successful conflict with African fever may embolden and animate others to repair to their assistance, and sustain them in their measures, the event must now determine. No call on earth, makes, in these eventful times, a stronger appeal to the piety and humanity of the disciples of Christ; and probably no where would individuals of this description, properly qualified, and especially such as have been somewhat inured to the climate of the Southern States enjoy the prospect of so great an amount of usefulness to their fellow-men. A compliance with the wishes of Mr. Pinney requires, that the Committee should make this statement, and refer the important subject which it contemplates to the prayerful consideration of the friends of Africa.

The Cor. Secretary presented a report, containing a system of operation to be pursued in conducting missions among the Western Indians; which was read, accepted, and adopted; and is as follows: viz.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the subject of the best method of conducting missionary operations among the small remnants of Indian Tribes now inhabiting or emigrating to the Reserved Tract west of the Mississippi River.

On motion, Resolved, 1. That while these small portions of the Aborigines of our country, speaking different language, or different dialects of the same language, should not be neglected, it is manifestly impossible to provide for each of them at present a regularly educated ministry, or a series of books in their own language, implying a reduction of their vernacular language to a regular system, and providing for their continued preservation, however small the number to be instructed.

Resolved, 2. That, in order to meet the exigencies of the case, as far as possible, a school, or schools, be established in these respective tribes, wherever the way is open, on the plan of English instruction, and of having several placed under the general supervision of one or more ordained ministers of the Gospel, whose duty it will be to visit them at stated times, and the tribes in which they are located not only with a view to a careful inspection, of their operations, but, through an interpreter or otherwise, to a stated administration of the word and sacraments among them.

Resolved, 3. That, in addition to this, there be formed wherever it shall be found practicable, in connexion with the schools, a small agricultural or mechanical establishment, or both, for the purpose of inducing them to adopt the arts of civilized life.

Resolved, 4. That the plan of operation now adopted is not intended to apply to those Tribes whose numerical strength or probable permanency, as distinct nations, would justify a different course; nor is it intended to supersede the regular study and acquisition of the Indian language on the part of our missionaries.

Adjourned to meet at Dr. Herron's in the evening of the 13th inst. at 7 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, April 2, 1835.

The meeting to be held on the 13th March, was postponed by the Chairman and Secretary to the 18th, when three members attended; but, not being able to make a quorum, adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman or Secretary. The Committee met accordingly in the evening of this day at the house of Dr. Herron, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Halsey, Swift, Hannen, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee took up the application of Mr. Lindsay, who had offered himself to the Society, when, on motion, Resolved, That Mr. Lindsay be, and he hereby is accepted and taken under the care as an assistant in the Western Indian Mission.

Resolved, That in ordinary cases there shall not be at any one Mission Station less than three lay assistants, inclusive of one female member.

On motion, Resolved, That immediate preparation be made to send out Messrs. Ballard and wife, and Mr. Lindsay to the Western Mission this spring.

Mr. Baird stated, that Miss Henderson, who made an offer to herself for the Mission to Northern India in September last, had expressed a desire, if the Committee approved of it, to repair to Independence, in Missouri, to take charge of a school in that village. Whereupon, on motion, Resolved, That this Committee approve of the plan of usefulness proposed by Miss H. and cheerfully release her from any expectation which her former application may have awakened.

Messrs. Swift, Patterson and Thompson were appointed a committee on the subject of printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, and its transference, by the Assistant Clerk, to the office of Mr. M. Maclean.

A letter from Hon. Walter Lowrie was received and read.

Adjourned to meet at the Mission Room on Tuesday the 14th inst. at 9 o'clock A.M. and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, April 20, 1855.

The Executive Committee, not being able to form a quorum at the time to which they had adjourned, met this evening at the call of the Corresponding Secretary, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift and Thompson.

Mr. Patterson, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of the change as to the printing of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, presented the following report; viz.

"The committee to whom was referred the subject of contracts for printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, made by the Assistant Clerk, under resolutions of the Board, have examined the case, and are of opinion that said Clerk has not transcended the authority vested in him for that purpose.

Robert Patterson,

Samuel Thompson."

The report having been read, was accepted, and laid on the table for consideration at the next meeting of this Board.

A letter was received from Mr. Bushnell, containing a statement of his labors at Independence, his removal to the State of Indiana, and his accounts with the Board. On motion, Messrs. Swift and Thompson were appointed a committee to consider the contents of Mr. Bushnell's letter, and report as soon as practicable.

A letter from Mr. Kerr, with a part of his journal, was received and read.

A letter was received from Mr. Culver, in which he states, that, in consequence of ill health, he will probably not be able, this spring, to engage in the missionary service, among the Western Indians.

Adjourned to meet at the Mission Room next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, April 27, 1835.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to an appointment made on Friday evening last; the committee having deferred this meeting until this morning.

Constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Thompson and Bailey be appointed to act with the Cor. Secretary in making out a list and procuring an outfit for Mr. Lindsay, now present; and for Mr. and Mrs. Ballard; and also supplies for the Western Mission, to be sent out with the re-inforcement.

A communication from Mr. Baird, in relation to the publication of the F.M.Chronicle, was presented, read, and laid on the table.

On motion, Resolved, That it is expedient to connect with the Mission to Northern India two pious laymen, qualified to act as teachers, and also one or two physicians, as soon as suitable persons can be obtained.

On motion, Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. John Vanhorn, at Columbia, Mo. on the subject of his being appointed as an assistant in the Indian Missions; and also to address a letter to some person or persons acquainted with Mr. Vanhorn, requesting information respecting his character and qualifications for the service contemplated.

Mr. Patterson presented his account for stationary up to the present date, amounting to \$31.38. And, on motion, it was resolved, That the Secretary issue his order on the Treasurer for the payment of this sum.

On motion, Resolved, That the Corresponding and assistant Secretaries be a sub-committee to purchase the business of the Society for the action of the Executive C. and present such resolutions as they may deem proper to be submitted for adoption.

A letter from our missionary, Mr. S. L. Robinson, was presented by the Cor. Secretary.

A communication was received from Rev. J. H. Gray, agent of the Board in

the south-western section of the church, in which he requests to be released from his agency on account of ill health; and, on motion, his request was granted.

A letter from Rev. Joseph Huber was received and read.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be presented to the Hon. R. C. Grier for his attention in seeking to obtain a charter for the W.F.M. Society from the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and that a remuneration be tendered to him for his expenses.

Adjourned to meet at this place on Friday next at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 1, 1855.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Herron, Halsey, Swift, Hannen, and Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The report of the committee on the subject of printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle was taken up; and, on motion, Resolved, That this business be deferred until the next meeting; and that the Cor. Secretary be requested to invite Mr. Baird to attend that meeting with his brethren.

The Corresponding Secretary presented the following preamble and resolutions; which were read; and, on motion, laid on the table for future consideration; viz.

Whereas it appears to be a matter of great importance, in order to the hopeful prosecution of Missions in Western Africa, that efforts should be made to explore the interior, in the belief that salubrious and encouraging positions for missionary effort may be found; and whereas the attempts heretofore made by this Society to effect this object have failed; Therefore, Resolved, That a special expedition, to comprise two or three individuals, one of whom should be a physician, be, if possible, provided to go out with this single design, and to spend eighteen

months or two years in making these examinations, under the direction of this Committee.

2. Resolved, That ample means be provided by the Society for the safety and comfort of such expedition - for its immediate entrance upon the journey after reaching the coast of Africa, and for its prosecution of the undertaking with all possible speed and facility.

5. Resolved, That public notice of this intention of the Committee be given especially in the Southern States; and that persons, whether clergymen or laymen, inclined to spend one or two years in such an enterprise, be requested to open a correspondence with the Society on this subject.

Adjourned to meet at this place on Wednesday the 13th inst. at 3 o'clock P.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 13, 1835.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Members present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Swift, Blythe, and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Sec. Secretary stated, that, in accordance with the request of the Committee, he had invited Mr. Baird to attend this meeting with his brethren.

A letter was received from Mr. James Craig, of Philadelphia, expressing his desire to be employed in the foreign missionary service, and his willingness to labor in the field of Western Africa; but requesting some instruction and counsel on this subject.

A communication was received from Mr. David Hull, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Northumberland, in which he offers himself to the Board as a missionary, and requests, that, if received, he may be connected with our mission to

Northern India. His application was accompanied by a letter from Rev. J. B. Patterson and Rev. I. Hood, certifying that Mr. Hull is a licentiate in good standing, and well qualified for the work in which he desires to engage.

On motion, the application of Mr. Hull was laid on the table for consideration.

A written communication was received from Mr. Baird, in relation to the publication of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, the report of the committee appointed upon this subject, &c. His communication was read, and laid on the table; and the business relating to it was referred for decision at a future meeting.

The Chairman presented a communication from Mr. Francis G. Bailey, in which the writer stated, that it is impracticable for him to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee, on account of his frequent necessary absence from the city, and the constant pressure of business when he is at home; and, therefore, asks leave to resign his place. On motion, his request was granted.

The Cor. Secretary requested, and obtained leave to read the letters of correspondence which passed between himself and the Rev. William L. Breckenridge, in relation to the appointment of the latter as General Agent for the Western Section of the church, and his reasons for declining the appointment. After reading the letters, the members of the Committee, without passing any formal resolution, expressed their entire satisfaction with the course which has been pursued in this case by the Cor. Secretary, as according with the principles on which the Society was established.

Adjourned to meet in the Mission Room on Saturday next at ten o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 16, 1835.

Several members of the Ex. Committee met according to adjournment; but considering themselves too few in number to transact the important business that now demands attention, adjourned to meet next Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

May 18, 1835.

Several members of the Ex. Committee met according to adjournment; but desiring to secure a more full attendance, adjourned to meet to-morrow evening at seven o'clock.

Pittsburgh, May 19, 1835.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Swift, Blythe, Thompson, and Wilson.

The minutes of the three last meetings were read.

Whereas Rev. John B. Pinney has drawn upon our Treasurer for a sum amounting to about \$400. with the expectation that this sum will be paid to our Society by the American Colonization Society on Mr. Pinney's account, on motion, it was resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to the Cor. Secretary of the American Colonization Society making inquiry in relation to this matter.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a draft of the Third Annual Report; which, being read, was accepted, & ordered to be submitted to the Board.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman or Secretary.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 25th, 1835.

The Ex. Committee met agreeably to the call of the Chairman and Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Swift, Blythe, Hennen, Thompson, and Wilson.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller, of Princeton, N.J. bearing testimony favorable to the character of Mr. David Hull, his piety, talents, diligence, prudence, and qualifications generally for the foreign missionary service.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Hull be, and he hereby is, received under our care as a missionary for the foreign fields.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Hull be designated agreeably to his wishes, to the Mission to Northern India; and that he be appointed as an agent, to visit the Churches in the Presbytery of Northumberland, and elsewhere, as he may have opportunity.

On motion, Resolved, That this Board will appoint a competent practical printer, if it shall be found practicable to obtain such in the person of one of the teachers to be sent to re-inforce our Mission to Northern India.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman or Secretary.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, June 19, 1835.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to a standing rule.

Constituted with prayer by Rev. R. Patterson, who was called to the chair.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hennen and Wilson.

On motion, resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last meetings be omitted.

Mr. Andrews presented Mr. Mat. Maclean's Bill for printing the Foreign

Missionary Chronicle for the months of May, June, and July of the present year, and the third annual report of the Society, amounting in the whole to \$165.95, which was read and ordered to be paid.

Adjourned to meet next Tuesday morning at eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, June 23, 1835.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Semple and Hannon.

Rev. Dr. Francis Herron was re-appointed chairman.

A communication was received from Mr. W. B. Spence, of Oxford, Ohio, stating that he has been studying with a view to the ministry of the Gospel, and is endeavoring to prepare to enter the service of our Society as a missionary to a foreign land; expressing his desire, if it be considered expedient, to be employed in a mission to France; and requesting some advice as to the course which he ought now to pursue. On motion, Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary write to Mr. Spence, giving him such information and counsel as he may think suited to his circumstances.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. M'Even be assigned to the Presbytery of Huntingdon, to be supported, as their missionary in the foreign field, in case of his not being otherwise provided for.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the report of their committee on the subject of the transfer of the printing of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle; and, on motion, it was resolved, that the report of that committee be adopted.

A letter was received from Mr. Landsay, giving information of his marriage and the safe passage of himself and his companion to St. Louis, Missouri.

A letter received from Rev. William W. Martin, of South Hanover, Indiana, on the subject of his being employed as an agent of this Board in the West.

On motion, Resolved, that the subject of his application, for the present, be postponed.

A communication was received from Rev. R. G. Thompson, of N. York, in reference to his engaging in an agency for the Society in the East. On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Thompson be employed as an agent for three months, or longer time, in a field to be particularly designated by the Cor. Secretary.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. Andrew Todd, of Flemingsburgh, Ky. be appointed as General Agent of the Board in the Western section of the church.

Communications were received from Rev. John C. Lowrie; stating his safe arrival at Lodianna, and his subsequent attack of disease of the liver; requesting permission, on account of ill health, to return to the United States; and advice, in reference to the route; whether by Calcutta; or by way of Bombay, the Red Sea, Egypt, and Jerusalem; and thence down the Mediterranean, as a route favorable for the attainment of useful information in reference to missionary fields not hitherto explored.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to Mr. Lowrie, stating, that the Committee desire and hope that he will be restored to his usual health, and yet be enabled to prosecute the important work which he has commenced; but if the failure of his health render this impracticable, they acquiesce in the sovereign will of Heaven, and permit him to return to his native land; and leave it to his well advised judgment, in view of expense and other circumstances, to come by that route which may appear most eligible.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 1st, 1835.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to the call of the Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Hannen, Semple, and Thompson,
The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, stating that the way is open
for the commencement of a mission among the Omaha Indians.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. Joseph Kerr be authorized and advised to
select a site and make arrangements for the erection, this season, of a plain house
for the Omaha Mission, in case he can make on favorable terms, a contract for the
building of the same.

Resolved, That Mr. Kerr be advised to increase the stock belonging to the
Mission at each of the stations, as soon as economy and the circumstances of the
case will permit.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. James Coe be appointed as an agent of this
Society, to visit the churches belonging to the Presbytery of Miami; or, if he be
unable to fulfil this appointment, that he use efforts to obtain a suitable agent,
and recommend him to this Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. John Rankin be appointed as agent of the
Society, for three months, to visit the churches within the bounds of the Presbyter-
ies of Columbus, Chillicothe, and Lancaster.

On motion, Mr. Andrew B. Cross was appointed agent for the Presbyteries
of New Castle and Baltimore; he having proposed to fulfil that service without
expense to the Society.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman or Secretary.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 4, 1835.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to a call from the Secretary, and
was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, and Semple.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Patterson, from the committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's book, reported, that said book has been carefully and correctly kept. And the report was accepted.

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to require, hereafter, the semi-annual payment of the interest on monies of the Society loaned.

A letter was received from Mr. Jesse M. Jameson, now resident in Worcester County, Md. offering himself as an assistant in our mission to Northern India. Also, a letter from Rev. Dr. Matthew Brown, President of Jefferson College, bearing favorable witness to the talents, piety, and prudence of Mr. Jameson. Whereupon, on motion, Resolved, That the rule of the Committee in reference to applications, be, for the present, suspended, and that Mr. Jameson be now accepted as an assistant missionary.

A joint communication was received from Rev. Dr. R. H. Bishop and Rev. J. W. Scott, of the Miami University, stating that Mr. Joseph Porter, now a candidate for the Gospel ministry under the care of the Presbytery of Oxford, and Mr. Wm. Rodgers, a student of said University, who has also the ministry in view, desire to be taken under the care of our Society, as assistants in our mission to Northern India; and recommending them both as possessing qualifications suitable for the work in which they wish to engage. On motion, Resolved, That these young brethren be received, as assistant missionaries as soon as they shall forward to the Committee regular applications; provided this shall then be found expedient.

A Communication was received from Messrs. L. J. Adams and J. B. Conover, of South Hanover, Indiana, expressing a desire to be employed in the foreign Missionary service, and requesting some information and advice in relation to this object; and the subject was referred to the attention of the Cor. Secretary.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Samuel B. Wylie, stating that Mr. James Craig is a regular member of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church in

Philadelphia, and has uniformly conducted himself with Christian decorum; and that he possesses appropriate talents for communicating religious instruction. To this was annexed a letter from Joseph P. Eagles, Esq. concurring in the recommendation of Dr. Wylie, and expressing the belief that Mr. Craig is disposed to do all the good that Christian prudence can effect. On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Craig be taken under the care of the Society, and held in reserve, to be sent out to the foreign field as soon as his services can be advantageously employed.

A communication was received from Mr. J. W. Peters and Louisa his wife, natives of Calcutta, India, but now resident in Philadelphia, offering themselves as missionary assistants in the foreign field. Their communication was accompanied by a letter from Mr. Wm. S. Martien, bearing favorable testimony to the character and qualifications of the applicants; also, by a letter from Rev. Dr. A. Green, stating, that Mr. and Mrs. Peters have been satisfactorily received as members of the First African Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, and have conducted themselves in a regular Christian manner. On motion, Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Peters be taken under the care of this Board as candidates for the missionary service among the heathen.

A letter was received from Mr. Robert Steel, of Abington, N.J. recommending Miss Sarah Carter, a member of his church, as a suitable person to be appointed as an assistant in our mission to Northern India, to be attached to the family of Mr. H'Ewen.

On motion, Resolved, That this application lie on the table for future consideration.

Adjourned to meet next Friday morning at 9 O'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 7, 1835.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Swift, Hunnen, Semple, and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Rev. Andrew W. Black, Secretary of the Mercer Auxiliary Missionary Society, communicating the information, that they have recognized Rev. J. K. Campbell, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, as their missionary, to be sustained in the foreign field, and that the said Society have pledged themselves to support him by paying annually for this purpose the sum of \$600 to the Treasurer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

A letter was received from the Hon. Walter Lowrie, in answer to one of the Corresponding Secretary, in relation to the accounts of this Board with that of the American Colonization Society. On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary write to Rev. John B. Pinney requesting him to give such particular information upon this subject as he may be able to communicate, and may prepare the way for the entire adjustment of those accounts.

Letters were received from Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Newton, members of the reinforcement of our mission to Northern India; giving intelligence of their prosperous voyage and safe arrival at Calcutta on the 25th of February last.

A letter was received from Mr. Aurey Ballard, of the mission of the Ioways, giving an account of their safe passage and arrival at the place of their destination, and their encouraging prospects of usefulness to the Indians of that tribe, and also containing a statement of the receipts and expenses of the members of that mission.

A letter was also received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, communicating intelligence of the state and prospects of our mission among the Weas - of the disposition which has been made of the missionary laborers who have been recently sent out, and the necessity of another re-inforcement, in order to the establishment of a mission among the Omahaws.

The Committee also received, thro' the Secretary, an additional part of

The Journal of Rev. John C. Lowrie; from which it appears, that he is prosecuting the work of the mission at Lodianna, and that the way is open for the extensive diffusion of literary information and the knowledge of evangelical truth in that region of the earth.

Adjourned to meet on next Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 10, 1835.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Semple and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Rev. John B. Pinney, dated May 8, 1835, stating that he would immediately resign all the business of the Colony of Liberia into the hands of the Sub-Agent, and devote himself wholly to the missionary work; and suggesting the propriety of appointing Mr. Finley as an assistant in our mission to Western Africa.

The subject of Mr. Steel's letter recommending the appointment of Miss Sarah Carter as an assistant in our Mission to Northern India, was taken up, and, on motion, it was resolved that Miss Carter be received as an assistant in said mission as soon as she shall forward to this Committee a regular application; and that, she be attached to the family of Mr. M'Ewen.

A communication was received from Rev. R. G. Thompson, now resident at Flushing, N.Y. making some suggestions on the subject of his recent appointment as an agent of the Society in the eastern section of the church.-- On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Thompson be appointed as an Agent for six months; and that he be allowed a salary of forty dollars a month, with the amount of his travelling expenses, necessarily incurred.

The Cor. Secretary laid before the Committee a form of an agreement, proposed to be adopted by the Synod of Pittsburgh and the Committee of the General Assembly, in reference to the transfer of the supervision and control of the W. Foreign Missionary Society to the Assembly. After some interchange of views, the further consideration of the subject was postponed for the present. And, on motion, it was resolved, That the Secretary, by letter or otherwise, request the brethren of the Synod, ministers and elders, to whom it may be practicable, to attend a meeting, to be held at this place, on Thursday the 20th inst. at 3 o'clock P.M. to confer upon the subject of the arrangements proposed in this document.

The Cor. Secretary requested the advice of the brethren who compose this Committee, in relation to his resigning the office which he now holds in the Board, and accepting the unanimous call of the church of Allegheny to become their pastor. And, after some conversation, it was agreed that he should be permitted to do so, as soon as some suitable person can be obtained as his successor in the office of Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Society. And it was resolved, That Rev. Dr. F. Herron and Rev. J. W. Blythe be a committee to visit, early next week, the Hon. Walter Lowrie, now resident at Butler, Pa. and confer with him upon his accepting an appointment to said office, if it shall be vacated.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 20, 1835.

The Ex. Committee met agreeably to a call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Blythe, Swift, and Hennen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee appointed to visit Hon. W. Lowrie and confer with him on the subject of his accepting an appointment to the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Society, reported, that they had executed the trust reposed in them; that Mr. Lowrie stated, that, in view of certain difficulties which appeared to stand in his way, he was unable, at present, to determine what was his duty in this case; that he would take the subject into serious and prayerful consideration; but should he be appointed and accept the office, he could not enter on the duties of it before the middle of December next.

Resolved to have a recess until Monday next at 9 o'clock A. M.

Pittsburgh, August 24, 1855.

The Ex. Committee being unable this morning to make a quorum, convened this afternoon at two o'clock, agreeably to a call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Slythe, Hannen, and Sample.

Regular applications from Messrs. Joseph Porter and Wm. S. Rogers, to be received as assistant missionaries, were presented and read; accompanied by a letter from the members of the Faculty of the Miami University, Messrs. Bishop, Scott, M'Guffy, M'Cracken, and Ferguson, stating that these young brethren are members of the present senior class, and have been regular students in said University during the four preceding years; and expressing the decided opinion that few young men could be found so well qualified in all things as they are for the proposed mission to Northern India, under the patronage of our Society. And, on motion, it was resolved that Messrs. Porter and Rodgers* be recognized as assistants in said mission, agreeably to a resolution of this Committee passed on the 4th instant; and that the Cor. Secretary write to Mr. Rogers in relation to some pecuniary difficulties which seem to be in the way of his going out with our

*(Rogers spelled two ways)

reinforcement in the approaching autumn.

A regular application was also received from Miss Sarah Carter, to be taken under the care of this Board, as an assistant in our mission to Northern India; and to be connected with the family of Mr. M'Ewen; stating that she cheerfully consecrates herself to the service of the Redeemer, and devotes her life to the spiritual interests of the perishing heathen. On motion, resolved, that she be recognized as an assistant in said mission, and attached to Mr. M'Ewen's family, in accordance with a resolution of this Committee, passed on the 10th inst.

A letter was received from Rev. Wm. L. Breckenridge, of Danville College, Ky. communicating information of a new improved Metallic Truss, invented by Dr. John L. Rice, of Nicholasville, Ky. who being a pious and benevolent man, wishes to make his invention serviceable to the souls, as well as bodies of men; and, therefore, generously offers to the Western Foreign Missionary Society the exclusive right to sell his trusses in the State of Connecticut, that the proceeds may be applied to the support of our missions. On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to Mr. Breckenridge and, through him, request Dr. Rice to send two of his trusses to the Executive Committee, that they may be able to judge with understanding of the propriety of accepting the profered donation, and be prepared to take further measures in relation to it, if this shall be found expedient.

A letter from Mr. J. W. Peters was received and read; and the subject of it was referred to the Cor. Secretary.

Adjourned to meet at the Call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 1, 1835

The Ex. Committee met according to the call of the Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, and Hannen.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read.

The Assistant Clerk presented the bill of Mr. Matthew Maclean for printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle for the months of August and September, which was approved, and the amount ordered to be paid.

A letter addressed to the Cor. Secretary, and one to Messrs. Patterson and Baird, both in answer to letters written by them, were received from Hon. W. Lowrie, upon the subject of his accepting an appointment to the office of Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Society.

On motion, Resolved, That the Vice President (Rev. Thomas D. Baird) be requested to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church in this city, on Thursday the 24th inst. at three o'clock P.M. to consider the propriety of appointing a Cor. Secretary and General Agent of the Society, in the room of the present incumbent, who is about to resign that office whenever the interests of the Society will permit.

A letter was received from Mr. Culver; apprizing the Committee, that his health was so far recovered, that he would be prepared to go out as soon as some debts were paid, if his services were needed among the Indians: Whereupon, on motion, Resolved, That, from information received from our mission in the West, it does not appear likely, that the services of a blacksmith (Mr. Culver's occupation) will be needed at either of the stations for some time to come; and that, therefore, Mr. Culver be advised, in case another door of usefulness should be opened, not to hold himself in suspense for the sake of so uncertain and perhaps distant arrangement.

A letter was received from Mr. Peters on the subject of his pecuniary necessities and inability to pay his board. On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary be authorized to remit funds, to a necessary amount, to the Committee in Philadelphia, to be applied by them to the payment of Mr. Peters current expenses, at such times, and in such proportion as they may think proper.

A letter was received from Rev. A. G. Fairchild on the subject of a memoir

of Mrs. Louisa A. Lowrie, now in the press in this city, of which 1000 copies are to be printed on a fine paper, making a volume of 144 pages 18 mo. one half of which are to be bound in the best style in muslin, perhaps with the likeness of Mrs. Lowrie.--Accompanying Mr. Fairchild's letter was the following proposal of Hon. Edgar C. Wilson: viz.

"I will advance to the Western Foreign Missionary Society the funds necessary to publish the memoir of Louisa A. Lowrie; the work to be completed in such manner as the Rev. A. G. Fairchild shall suggest; and from the proceeds of the sale of the memoir the funds so advanced to be repaid to me. But should the sale not produce the requisite sum, the Society will not be expected or required to make up the deficiency.

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Edgar C. Wilson."

On motion, Resolved, That the offer of the Hon. Edgar C. Wilson, to advance to the Society, on his own responsibility, the funds necessary to publish the memoir Of Mrs. Louisa A. Lowrie, to be repaid from the sale of the same, and on condition that the sales shall be adequate to the said object, and to give the Society the avails of the same, over and above the said payment of the costs of publication, be, and the same is hereby gratefully accepted; and the Cor. Secretary is authorized to express to Mr. Wilson their sense of obligation for this generous proposal.

A letter was received from Mr. S. D. Campbell, of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N.J. in answer to one of the Cor. Secretary, in reference to his taking an agency for the Society in the southern section of the Church; and stating, that if a more experienced man cannot be obtained, he will probably, "with fear and trembling", enter upon it.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. S. D. Campbell be appointed agent of the Society in that part of the church which lies south of the State of Maryland.

A letter was received from Rev. R. G. Thompson, stating his acceptance of the agency to which he was appointed in the eastern part of the church, and that he

will commence operations immediately; and requesting an outline of the objects and views of the Society, that its necessities and its hopes may be made known to the Christian public.

A letter was received from Rev. Andrew Todd, stating that he accepts of the agency in the west to which he was appointed; and that he will enter on the work to which he is called as soon as he shall have obtained a dissolution of his pastoral relation by the action of the Presbytery of which he is a member.

A communication was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, containing a report of the expenditures of the Wea Mission, from April 1st to July 15th, 1855, amounting to \$352.16, including a number of articles furnished for the supply of the Ioway branch of the mission; also, an account of the moneys on hand, amounting to \$119.87½; with an acknowledgment of the receipt of a box of medicine, and two boxes containing other articles; since the date of the last report.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 2, 1855.

The Ex. Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Hannen, Thompson and Seiple.

Letters were received from Rev. John Newton and James Wilson, dated, Calcutta, April 4, stating that the health of our missionaries sojourning there was good, and that a matrimonial alliance had been recently formed between Rev. John Goadby, missionary of the General Baptist Missionary Society of England and Miss Julia Davis, a member of our missionary reinforcement, in consequence of which her future sphere of labor in India will be at Cittauck, as a member of the Baptist Mission, instead of Lodiana, in connection with the mission of our Society. A respectful letter was also received from Mr. Goadby, stating the same fact, and ex-

pressing his purpose to write to the Board under whose auspices he went out to refund to our Society the expense incurred in the voyage of Miss Davis from the U. States to Calcutta.

On motion, the consideration of this subject was postponed to some future meeting.

A communication was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, giving some gratifying intelligence respecting the prospects of our missions among the Weas and Ioways; but stating that there is a difficulty in the way of our establishing a mission among the Omahaws, on account of the pre-occupation of that field by our Baptist brethren; and suggesting for consideration the expediency of turning our attention to the Osages, Ottawas, and Puttawatomies.—The letter of Mr. Kerr was accompanied by a letter from Rev. M. Murrill, Baptist missionary among the Otoes, in which the writer assigns reasons why he thinks it would be improper for our Board to engage in missionary operations among the Omahaws.

The Cor. Secretary stated to the Committee, that he had been informed by a letter from Rev. Andrew Todd, that the Presbytery of Ebenezer had refused to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and the church of Flemingsburgh; and that, in consequence, he had not deemed it advisable to enter upon his agency in the Western churches.

A communication was received from Rev. James M^rEwen, containing an account of his agency in the State of New York, especially in congregations of the Associate Reformed Church; and of the action of the Associate Reformed Synod, forming themselves into a Foreign Missionary Society, in connection with the W. F. M. Society; and assuming the support of Mr. M^rEwen in the foreign field, on condition of his connecting himself with the Associate Reformed Presbytery of New York.

A letter was also received from Rev. Mr. John Forsyth, pastor of the Associate Reformed Church in Philadelphia, giving more particular information on the same subject.

A letter was received from Mr. David Hull, informing the Committee, that, in consequence of the serious and protracted illness of Mrs. Hull, it is probable that he will not be able to go out this fall with the second reinforcement of our mission to Northern India; but expressing the desire and hope that, in the merciful providence of God, he will be permitted to go out at some future period.

A letter was received from Mr. W. S. Rogers, stating his prospects of being shortly united in marriage with a suitable companion, and the expectation that he and Mr. Porter will be ready to sail for India, Providence favoring, towards the close of the present month.

On motion, Resolved, That the salary of each of our missionaries in Northern India be fixed at \$700 per annum, to commence on their arrival at the station.

Resolved, That the outfit and salary of Messrs. Jamison, Porter, and Rogers, be the same as that which is allowed to ordained ministers of the Gospel sent to Northern India.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, October 12, 1835.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to the call of the Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Semple and Wilson.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read.

A letter was received from Mr. Henry Hick(?) of the American Board, in answer to one of the Cor. Secretary addressed to Mr. Anderson; stating that the ship Concord would sail from Boston about the 15th inst. and that he knew of no other ship to sail this or the next month, from that port for India; but would write again, should he hear of any.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary be authorized to engage, for our missionaries, to sail this fall for India, a passage in some ship of Foster and Co. provided he cannot before the 20th inst. make arrangements for their passage in a vessel of some other ship-owner on terms more favorable than those proposed by the said Foster and Co.

A communication was received from Mr. William A. Hallock, Cor. Secretary of the American Tract Society, making inquiry upon the subject of furnishing Tracts for the supply of our several missionary stations; also an answer to the same, prepared by our Cor. Secretary, was read, approved, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Hallock.

A letter was received from Rev. J. W. Scott, of the Miami University at Oxford, O. stating that a very interesting missionary meeting had been held in the Presbyterian Church of that place on the Sabbath preceding the departure of Messrs. Rogers and Porter, and about \$150 raised in the church and village in aid of our mission to India; of which \$50 had been contributed by the students of the University, to constitute the President, Rev. Robert H. Bishop, a life-director of our Society; and apprising the Committee that these brethren and their wives set out from Oxford for India on the 1st inst. and would pass through this city on their way to Philadelphia.

The Cor. Secretary laid before the Committee a paper, containing terms of agreement, prepared by the Committee of the General Assembly, about the transfer of the W. F. M. Society to the Assembly, and proposed for adoption by the Synod of Pittsburgh, The Executive Committee, without expressing any opinion about the terms proposed, referred this document to the Cor. Secretary, to be presented to the Synod for their consideration.

A letter was received from Rev. Andrew Todd, giving notice that he had made such arrangement with his congregation, that he will be able to serve this Board, as an agent in the west, until the commencement of winter.

A letter was received from Rev. Rich. Brown, offering to the Board his services as an agent, during the succeeding winter, in Mercer Co. in the West, or in parts of Virginia. On motion, Resolved, that Mr. R. Brown be commissioned to discharge the duties of an agent in such places as may be designated by the Cor. Secretary.

A communication was received from Mr. Webster, applying for an appointment to the office of Assistant Secretary of the Society; and to the trust of conducting as editor, the Foreign Missionary Chronicle; and offering testimonials of his character and qualifications. On motion, Resolved, That the application lie on the table.

A letter was received from James M. Ray, Esq. of Indianapolis, informing the Committee of a practical printer, Mr. Thomas Brown, aged 22 years, a good workman in the line of his profession; possessing health, with stability of mind and purpose; being a member of the church, and acting consistently with his Christian profession; expressing a desire to be employed in the service of our Society, as a printer, in connection with our mission to Northern India, and his willingness, if it be practicable, to accompany our missionaries who are soon to embark for Calcutta.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to Mr. Ray, requesting him to inform Mr. Brown, that the Committee desire him to make an offer of his services in writing, accompanied by suitable recommendations, to repair to this city with as little delay as possible, that, after an interview with the Committee, he may, if received, proceed directly to Philadelphia and sail with the brethren who are going out; or, if he should be too late for this, he may be ready to sail in the next ship bound for India, with the expectation of reaching Calcutta before those brethren set out from that city for Lodianna.

The Secretary laid before the Committee a draft of instructions to be given to our missionaries before they embark for India; which were read and adopted.

A letter was received from Hon. Walter Lowrie, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter, by which he was informed of his appointment, by a

unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, to the office of Corresponding Secretary, and General Agent of the Society; stating that he highly appreciated the confidence reposed in him by the Board but that he has not yet been able to determine whether it be, or be not, his duty to accept the appointment.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Patterson, Hannen, and Semple, were appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements for supplying the First Presbyterian Church of Allegheny with the ministrations of the Gospel during the necessary absence of their pastor, Rev. E. P. Swift, in transacting the business of the Society.

The Cor. Secretary and Assistant Clerk were appointed a committee to read the lengthy communications recently received from Mr. ^(J.C.) Lowrie, and make reports of their contents.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 6, 1855.

The Ex. Committee met at the call of the Chairman, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Thompson, Semple, and Wilson.

A communication was received from Thomas Brown, offering himself to the Society, to be employed as a printer, in connection with our mission at Lodiana in Northern India. His application was accompanied by satisfactory testimonials of his good character and qualifications for the work in which he desires to engage, from Rev. James W. McKennan, and Messrs. Isaac Coe, John G. Brown, Caleb Scudder, James Blake, and James M. Ray, elders of the Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Brown be accepted as a printer to our mission in Northern India; that the Clerk write to him immediately, informing him

of his appointment, and requesting him to repair to this city without delay, and hence proceed to Philadelphia, in order that, if possible, he may sail with our missionaries about to embark for India; and also that the Clerk address a letter to the Cor. Secretary, apprizing him of this resolution of the Committee, in order that he may be able to make arrangements for the passage of Mr. Brown in the ship that is to carry out our missionaries, or some other ship that may sail this fall for the port of Calcutta; in accordance with a previous resolution of this Board.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 1, 1835.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, Semple, and Wilson.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read.

A bill of Mr. Matthew Maclean for printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle for the months of October, November and December, including an index and title page, amounting to \$150.06, was presented by the Assistant Clerk; and, on motion, it was resolved that the Cor. Secretary issue his warrant on the Treasurer for the payment of the amount.

An application was received from Mr. Reese Morris, Jun. of Philadelphia, offering himself to the Society, to be employed as a printer in connection with our Mission to Northern India. His communication was accompanied by a letter from Rev. Dr. Cuyler, stating that Mr. Morris and his wife are exemplary members of his church; that he desires to assist in extending the knowledge of the Savior, and possesses suitable qualifications for the business of his profession.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Morris be received as an assistant to our

mission in Northern India, and employed in the printing department; and that he be sent out with Mr. Thomas Brown before the 1st of March next, provided a passage on reasonable terms can be obtained.

The Executive Committee, doubting the expediency of continuing Mr. Peters and his wife under their care as candidates for the foreign missionary service, incurring greater expense for their support than had been anticipated, on motion, Resolved, that the Cor. Secretary write to the Committee of Correspondence in Philadelphia, requesting them to inquire particularly into this case and express their opinion in a communication to this Board, respecting the propriety of continuing the said Peters and wife any longer under our care, in prospect of their future usefulness in the foreign missionary field.

A letter was received from Mr. S. D. Campbell, recommending Rev. Nathaniel Calhoun as a suitable person to be employed as an agent for this Society.

On motion, the subject of this recommendation was postponed for future consideration.

On motion, Resolved, That the sum of \$25 per annum be considered as the sum requisite to support a youth in any of the schools under the direction of our missionaries among the heathen.

A letter was received from Mr. E. M. Sheppard, stating that he had gone out with the Ioways on their winter hunt, with the view of instructing their children in their camps; and communicating some information respecting his son who is now under the care of Rev. Joseph Kerr of the Wean Station.

A letter was received from Mr. Isaac M. Shepherd, of Clinton, Miss. who was recently a student of South Hanover College, and is now studying Theology, with the hope of being licensed next spring to preach the Gospel; who desires to be employed in the foreign missionary service, and requests some advice as to his preparatory course if he should offer himself to this Board. The subject was referred to the Cor. Secretary.

A communication was received from Rev. James M'Ewen, containing an account of his receipts and expenditures, as an agent of the Society, previously to his embarkation for India.

On motion, Resolved, That six dollars per day be allowed those brethren who supplied the pulpit of Rev. E. P. Swift in the First Presbyterian Church of Allegheny during his absence in the service of the Society.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to the American Tract Society, for their generous donations of \$1000 each, for the use of our missionaries in Pagan lands; and for a set of the numerous publications of the Tract Society.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday next at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 9, 1835.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hammen, Thompson, and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Cor. Secretary stated that he had in his possession the watches of Messrs. Cloud and Laird, our missionaries deceased, which had been brought back from Africa, and desired the Committee to make some disposition of them. And, on motion, it was resolved that the said watches be transmitted to the parents or nearest relative of those lamented brethren.

A letter was received from Rev. Josiah Brewer, of Smyrna, on the subject of our proposed mission to the Mediterranean, and giving some account of his efforts to establish and conduct a school at Magnesia; expressing also his surprise that he had not received any answer to his communication of August 13, 1834, in which he had offered his services, as a missionary, to this Board.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to Mr. Brewer, assigning the reasons why the Committee have not yet been able to decide on his application, and enclosing to him a draft on our Society for the sum of \$400. to aid in sustaining his school at Magnesia; it being understood that the Committee do not stand pledged to make any appropriation for this object beyond the present year.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. Nathaniel W. Calhoun, of Charleston, Va. be commissioned as an agent of the Society for three months, to labor in that field in the west which shall be designated by the Cor. Secretary.

A letter was received from Mr. S. D. Campbell, stating that, owing to certain unfavorable circumstances, he had not yet been able to enter properly on his agency, and mentioning some things in relation to the prospects of our Society in the South.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, informing the Committee that he had visited some of the Osage towns - that the nation consists of three divisions - Clamour's Band, the Little Osages, and Whitehair's Band; and recommending the establishment of a mission among a portion of the Little Osages who have never had a missionary located immediately in their bounds, but who, it is believed, would be friendly to the object. The letter was laid on the table.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 24, 1855.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Corresponding Secretary, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, and Semple.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Rev. Josiah Brewer, dated Smyrna, Sept. 23, 1855, stating that he had engaged a passage in the brig General Warren, bound for the United States; and requesting that a communication on the subject of his last

letter might be addressed and forwarded to him so early as to meet him on his arrival at the port of New York; and the Cor. Secretary stated that he had written to Mr. Brewer, according to his request.

A letter was received from Mr. J. F. C. Finley, containing a bill for \$17.50, paid by him to Mr. H. Teage, on account of our mission to Africa; and apprising the Committee that the N. York Female Society for the Promotion of Christian Education in Africa are of the opinion that the W. F. Missionary Society ought to refund the money which they advanced to Mr. Finley when he went to Africa in their employ as a teacher, amounting to \$365.53; and that they ground their claim upon the alleged fact that his labors were principally employed in the service of our Society.

On motion, Resolved, That the amount of the bill of Mr. Finley paid to Mr. Teage, on account of our African Mission be refunded from our Treasury; but that, in the view of this Committee, to meet the claims of the said Female Society would be an application of our funds not warranted by justice, or the rules by which we are governed as a Board of Missions; because Mr. Finley was never under the direction of our Society - never made a regular application to be taken under our care, as an assistant missionary; was not appointed by any authorized agent of this Board, and, in fact, still retained his relation to the Ladies Society of New York.

Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to the proper officer of that Society, and to Mr. Finley, apprising them respectively of the views of the Committee upon this subject.

A letter was received from Mr. H. Teage, an intelligent colonist at Monrovia, in relation to our African mission, and respecting some books and other property belonging to that mission, remaining on hand. And, on motion, it was resolved, That Mr. Teage be authorized and requested to take charge of said books and property, to receive any property of the Society which may be in the hands of

other persons at Monrovia or in the vicinity - to make sale of the same and forward to this Board a statement of his disposition of the whole.

Letters were received from our missionaries, Rev. Messrs. Newton and Wilson, dated at Calcutta, June 11, and 17, 1835, giving some information of a visit which they had made to Serampore, and of the superstitions and horrid ceremonies of the Hindus practiced in the vicinity of that town at their annual festival of bathing the image of Juggernaut, advising the Committee, that they expected to set out for the Upper Province of India about the 20th of June - hoped to arrive at Lodiana about the 1st of November - intended to take with them a wooden printing press and small fonts of type in the English, Persian, and Nagari characters - and presenting an estimate of the probable expenses of the passage.

A letter was received from Mr. Aurey Ballard, stating that the prospects of the mission to the Iowas were encouraging - that the Indians were friendly, and were becoming more temperate in their habits - that three schools had been in operation during the last season, containing an aggregate of nearly 100 scholars - that the mission greatly needed a suitable interpreter, and desired advice from the Committee as to the expediency of receiving into the family several Indian children, to be sustained while they receive a common and religious education, and are taught some useful arts of civilized life. After some remarks, the subject of advice was referred to the Cor. Secretary.

A communication was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, advising the Committee that a number of Indians near the Wean Station, who went not on the usual winter hunt, appear anxious to become acquainted with the Christian religion; and some manifest their anxiety by coming four miles in inclement weather to hear the Gospel. In the present state of the mission, Mr. Kerr thinks it desirable that a church should be organized at that station, and asks the advice of the Committee upon that subject.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary advise Mr. Kerr to proceed to the organization of a church at that station as soon as he shall it expedient,

suggesting to him the propriety of electing and setting apart Messrs. Bradley and Lindsay to the office of the eldership.

A communication was received from Joseph P. Engles, Esq. with a bill amounting to \$78.50, for a copy of Reese's Encyclopedia, which he purchased at auction for our mission to Northern India, and forwarded in the Charles Wharton, the ship in which our last re-inforcement sailed for Calcutta. And, on motion, it was ordered that the amount of this bill be paid.

Ajourned to meet at the call of the Cor. Secretary or the Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 8, 1836.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, Semple, and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A bill of Carey & Lea, Booksellers in Philadelphia, for the Evangelical Magazine and Missionary Register of London, was presented by the Cor. Secretary, (the amount for these publications from July 1, 1834, to Jan. 1, 1836, being \$7.50.)

On motion, Resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to discharge the amount of this bill.

A letter was received from Hon. W. Lowrie, stating his conviction, after serious consideration, that it is not his duty, under existing circumstances, to accept the office of Cor. Secretary and General Agent to which he was appointed by the Board of Directors; yet expressing some reluctance to close the correspondence upon this subject by a present or prospective refusal to accept.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. C. C. Guyler and Rev. Samuel D.

Blythe, stating that, at the request of the Cor. Secretary of our Society, the Committee of Correspondence in Philadelphia convened, for the purpose of giving their opinion on the propriety of continuing to aid J. W. Peters and his wife, native East Indians, with the view of attaching them to the mission to India; and, after considering the subject, resolved, that it be recommended to the Western Foreign Missionary Board to abandon the idea of preparing Mr. and Mrs. Peters as members of a foreign missionary family; as it is not probable, from a view of all the circumstances of the case, that they would prove really serviceable in that situation. This resolution was accompanied by a statement of the reasons on which the decision was founded, prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose.

The Executive Committee, in view of the evidence presented in this case, resolved unanimously that the said Peters and wife be no longer continued under their care, as candidates for the foreign missionary service; and that the Cor. Secretary inform them of this resolution, and give them such advice as he may deem suitable to their circumstances.

A letter was received from Mrs. Mary Ann Williamson, containing an application to be received as an assistant laborer in the foreign missionary field. It was accompanied by a certificate from Rev. John Morgan, and Messrs. Beeson, Pennock, and Nixon, stating that Mrs. Williamson has been for twelve months a communicant in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Uniontown, Pa. and that they "know nothing against her moral or religious character to debar her from the confidence and fellowship of the Christian community."

On motion, these documents were laid on the table, and Messrs. Seiple and Wilson were appointed a committee to make the requisite inquiry respecting the character and qualifications of the applicant, and report at our next meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. Thomas Brown, stating that he left Indianapolis on the 1st of December, ult. - ascended the Ohio to Guyandotte, Va. that the river being obstructed with ice, he proceeded by land to Philadelphia, where he

waited the orders of the Board. His letter was accompanied by a letter from James Key, Esq. containing a statement of interesting meetings held on the occasion of the departure of Mr. Brown and wife from that place for India, and of a collection taken up for their support amounting to \$164.57; and also of a contribution of \$32.14, made by the Sabbath Schools of that town, devoted to the object of founding the first Sabbath School at Lodiana, to be denominated "The Indianapolis Sabbath School of Lodiana."

A letter of the Cor. Secretary to Mr. Brown in relation to the outfit of himself and wife and their passage to India in company with Mr. Reese Morris and wife, was presented and read.

Two letters were received from Mr. Morris, stating that Mr. Ralston had been informed by a letter from Boston, that a ship would sail from that port for Calcutta some time in February; and that the price of passage would be \$400; and Mr. Morris desires to know whether he is authorized to engage a passage for himself and wife in that vessel; The Cor. Secretary stated that he had written to Mr. Morris and answered his inquiry in the affirmative.

A letter from Rev. John B. Pinney was received and read.

A communication was received from Mr. S. D. Campbell, dated at New Market, E. Tenn. Dec. 16, 1835, reporting that he was pursuing his agency on his way to Alabama; and forwarding the names of several subscribers for the Foreign Missionary Chronicle.

A letter from Rev. John Newton, dated June 9, 1835, and forwarded via England, was received and read; in which we are informed that our missionaries were preparing for their journey to Lodiana - would ascend the Ganges in a pinnace - had purchased a printing press and three fonts of type, and a quantity of Bibles; and that they had received Choral donations of the Scriptures and religious tracts from Christian brethren at Calcutta.

A letter was received from Rev. J. C. Lowrie, dated Simla, Aug. 6, 1835, (?) was received and read; containing a statement respecting his health and the probable

necessity of his returning to the United States; also, a report of his receipts and expenditures, and a recommendation to the Board to settle two families in Northern India - one at Sapathu and the other at Ludiana; mentioning other places on the Hills and along the Ganges, where missions ought to be established.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Lowrie's report of receipts and expenditures be accepted.

On motion, Mr. Patterson was appointed to represent respectfully the necessities of this Society to the Third Presbyterian Church of this city, now about to make a disposition of their monies collected for benevolent purposes, and suggest the propriety of their affording us some aid in the important work of foreign missions in which we are engaged.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Cor. Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 16, 1856.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannon, Thompson, Sample and Wilson.

Mr. Blythe was called to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Cuyler, stating that Robert Ralston, Esq. had received a letter, informing him, that the vessel about to sail from Boston for India some time in February, as was supposed, would probably sail about the 14th inst. - that the price of passage for four persons together would be \$225 each, or \$900 for the whole, all things being supplied; that Mr. Ralston had written to the ship-owners requesting that the vessel might be delayed until the 29th inst. that our missionaries might have time to reach that port and take passage in her. Dr.

Cayler also stated, that the people of his church and that of Mr. Blythe were using efforts for the outfit of the brethren and their wives about to depart for India.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Morris and Brown use their utmost endeavors to reach Boston before the departure of said vessel; but in case they fail to obtain a passage in it, or some other ship, before the end of February, that they wait for further instructions from this Committee.

On motion, Messrs. Swift and Thompson were appointed a committee to attend to the remittance of money to Cockerell & Co. our bankers in Calcutta, for the supply of our missionaries in India, and that they make the remittance in that quantity and mode which they may judge most expedient.

The committee appointed to make some necessary inquiry relative to the character and qualifications of Mrs. M. A. Williamson, who has offered herself as a missionary assistant, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and learned that the character of the applicant is fair; but that, on account of some peculiar circumstances, they consider it inexpedient for the Board to take her under their care. And, on motion, this report was accepted and approved, and the Cor. Secretary was requested to inform Mrs. Williamson of the decision of the Committee in this case.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Corresponding Secretary, or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23, 1856.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, Sample, and Wilson.

A letter was received from Rev. Richard Brown, dating the commencement of

his agency on Nov. 1, 1835, and reporting that he had visited the greater part of the congregations within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Washington and Steubenville, and acknowledging the receipt of monies, by collections and a draft on the Treasury, amounting to \$67.21 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Rev. Josiah Brewer, of Smyrna, Asia Minor, being present, was introduced to the Committee.

Mr. Brewer renewed his application to be taken under the care of this Society, and employed in the missionary field of the Mediterranean; presenting a certificate of his regular dismissal from the American Board, and recommendatory letters from Rev. Messrs. Chauncy A. Go⁽¹⁾grich and Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, Conn. which were read.

After some consideration of Mr. Brewer's application, the Cor. Secretary was requested to prepare and present at an adjourned meeting a minute which may express the views of the Committee upon this subject.

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at 9 O'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 1, 1836.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, Semple and Wilson.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Cor. Secretary presented a paper, containing a preamble and resolutions in reference to the application of Mr. Brewer; which were read. And after some progress in deliberation, and some conversation with Mr. Brewer, the Committee adjourned to meet to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 2, 1836.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Semple and Wilson.

The minutes of the last session were read.

A letter was received from Solomon Allen, Esq. acknowledging the receipt of \$2600 from our Treasury, to be forwarded to India; and stating that Messrs. Morris and Brown had not been able to reach Boston, to embark on board the ship that sailed from that port in January ult.

A letter from Hon. Walter Lowrie was received and read, in relation to his appointment to the office of the Cor. Secretary of the Society, and to his correspondence with the Ex. Committee on that subject.

A letter was received from Mr. J. F. C. Finley, stating, that owing to sickness, he had not been able to prepare the accounts referred to a former letter (Dec. 9.) - that he was about to sail for New Orleans, and would forward them from that city to the Board.

The consideration of Mr. Brewer's application was resumed. At the request of the Committee, Mr. Brewer made a statement of his views on some points of theology. After some further deliberation, the Cor. Secretary proposed an amendment to the preamble and resolutions, above mentioned, which was accepted by the Committee; and the whole minute, as amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Rev. Joseph Brewer, who, with Mrs. Brewer, his partner, made an application, dated July, A.D. 1834, to be received under the care of this Society, having returned to the United States, and now visited this city with reference to that application, met with the Committee, and the consideration of the said application was resumed.

Mr. Brewer laid before the Committee a certificate of his regular dismission, in good standing, and at his own request, from the service of the American

Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, dated (no date)

He also laid before the Committee an "official" certification from the Rev. Professor Goodrich, that, for the last six years he had been in the employment of the Ladies' Greek Association of the city of New Haven - that he had, while in service of that Association, given entire satisfaction, to his employers, promptly followed their directions, and rendered satisfactory statements of his accounts - and that the said Association, while they had entire confidence in Mr. Brewer and desired him to continue in their service, they were yet willing that his connection should be changed, if thereby the means and facilities of his usefulness could be increased.

He also presented letters from the Rev. Professor Goodrich, of Yale College, and the Rev. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, certifying to the general character of Mr. Brewer, and expressing the belief that there was nothing touching the former connection of Mr. Brewer with the American Board, or the form of its dissolution, which should stand in the way of his reception as a missionary, or make it unkind or disrespectful towards the American Board to entertain his application.

Mr. Brewer also proposed to submit all the documents connected with his former relations to the said Board and the circumstances which led to its termination. But the Committee judged, that, as his testimonials from the Prudential Committee and from others, touching all its bearings, was full and satisfactory; and as the transactions referred to were of several years standing, such a proceeding would be inexpedient. These several documents and topics were read and considered.

Mr. Brewer having assigned sufficient reasons for desiring to be connected with this Board, instead of continuing in the relation which he now sustains; and having been heretofore connected with the Congregational, instead of the Presbyterian Church, the Committee proceeded to a free conversation with him on the subject of his views of Christian doctrine and ecclesiastical order; after which, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz.

Resolved, 1st, That while Mr. Brewer, in reference to two or three points of theology, does not feel fully prepared to adopt what he supposes to be the commonly received interpretations of the Standards of our church (though he could adopt these articles on his own interpretation, and might in this way be fully prepared to adopt the Confession of Faith, as he can the Form of Government and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church, and thus connect himself with it,) the Committee do not recognize, in these instances, any such degree of discordance of opinion between Mr. Brewer and themselves on the great subjects of revealed truth as should preclude the hope of his usefulness in the service of this Board: and the Committee, while in these circumstances, they would not recommend the transference of his connection to the Presbyterian Church, would express their readiness to assume the superintendence and direction of his missionary labors on the plan on which they have already proposed to do it in reference to missionaries connected with other bodies.

Resolved, 2d, That as the Committee has adopted the principle (that, under certain circumstances, it is proper to assume the direction and control of missionaries who are yet, to an extent, for doctrine, and Christian and ministerial standing, subject to the bodies to which they respectively belong where individuals or churches of such bodies assume their support respectively, and the Committee are in other respects well satisfied of their qualifications for the missionary service, and their conduct in it) they are now willing to receive Mr. Brewer on these principles whenever any Society, congregation, or number of individuals, acquainted with the manner of Mr. Brewer's connection with this Committee, shall signify their readiness to become responsible for his support, and sustain to him the relation now contemplated.

Resolved, 3d, That it is the opinion of this Committee, in accordance with a purpose expressed by them in their proceedings A. D. 1833, that the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Assembly should have a missionary station either at Smyrna or some other place in the Mediterranean, as well to facilitate its operations in India, as to bear its part in the spiritual renovation of Western Asia and Northern

Africa; but in as much as the projection of a mission suited to accomplish these ends to the best advantage would require much attention, and be the result of a careful examination of many important facts and considerations; and as the management of the entire concerns of the Board is shortly to pass into the hands of the General Assembly, the Committee do not think it expedient to enter upon this work or make any arrangements which might anticipate the plan of such a mission.

Resolved, 4th, That this subject be recommended to the early attention of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, and that Mr. Brewer be respectfully recommended to them as one whose service in that field for nearly ten years would seem to fit him to impart useful suggestions, as well as bear a part, on the plan contemplated, in the actual prosecution of such a mission.

Resolved, 5th, That in the meantime, and during Mr. Brewer's stay in this country, and as he may have opportunity, he be, and he hereby is, appointed as agent of the Society, to visit churches, communicate missionary information, make collections and contributions in aid of its funds, and in other ways to promote its interests; and that he be allowed the sum of \$50 per month, exclusive of travelling expenses during his being and continuing in the service of the Board.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsb. Feb. 5, 1836.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Thompson, Semple, and Wilson.

Mr. Brewer made a communication on the subject of the appointment of some person to go out to Smyrna, with a view to be connected with the mission, and in the meantime to take charge of Mr. Brewer's Missionary affairs during his residence and agency in this country.

On motion, Resolved, That considering the peculiarity of Mr. Brewer's engagements at Smyrna, the Committee concur in the opinion that he should return to his family and station about the 1st of April next, if a good opportunity occurs.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Brown be instructed to stand in readiness to accompany Mr. Brewer to Smyrna, to be employed in his profession as a printer in connection with our Mediterranean mission, provided that he has not made arrangements to sail for India before the 30th inst. and that Messrs. Brewer and Brown be appointed as agents of the Society in raising funds for the purchase of a printing press and apparatus for our Mediterranean mission, and to procure the same when the requisite funds shall have been obtained; and that whatever additional funds may now or hereafter be obtained for that purpose, be placed in the hands of the same committee, to be applied to the purchase of materials and different fonts of type, as the exigencies of the mission may hereafter require.

A communication was received from Mr. Harvey Newcomb, offering himself as an assistant in the foreign missionary service to be employed in the printing department of our Mediterranean mission. And his application was laid on the table for consideration at a future meeting.

A letter was received from Hon. Walter Lowrie, communicating the information that he has come to the conclusion that it is not his duty to accept the office of Cor. Secretary to which he was appointed by the Board of Directors.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 18, 1836.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Swift, Blythe, Hanna, and Thompson.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read.

A letter was received from Hon. Walter Lowrie upon the subject of raising

funds for the support of our mission to Northern India, and making a remittance to the Society of \$1086. of which \$1000 are a donation from himself.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. Joseph W. Blythe be appointed on an agency of six weeks, more or less, as may be found expedient, to solicit funds for the Society in some of the principal towns in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky; and that his necessary travelling expenses be paid.

Agreeably to a request of Mr. Brewer, Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Chronicle be sent gratis, from its commencement, to Rev. D. D. Field, of Stockbridge, Mass. for the purpose of diffusing missionary intelligence.

A letter was received from Mr. Reese Morris on the subject of his outfit for India, and the inconvenience that might attend a delay of his passage; and the Cor. Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Morris, stating the wish of the Committee that he should continue in the prosecution of his usual business until a favorable opportunity of a passage shall be presented; and giving him such advice as may be needful in present circumstances.

A communication was received from Mrs. Frances Baldwin, of N. York, offering herself as an assistant in the work of foreign missions. It was accompanied by a letter from Rev. Henry A. Riley, containing favorable testimony to the character of Mrs. Baldwin. Agreeably to a rule of the Committee, the consideration of this application was deferred till a future meeting.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to the Secretary of War, informing him of the schools which our Society has established for the instruction of the Indians in the west, and soliciting that aid which the Government usually affords for the support of schools having this object.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 7, 1856.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Corresponding Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Hannen, Semple, and Wilson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Mrs. Sarah Synington, of Philadelphia, in relation to the transmission of letters and other articles to our missionaries in India, and requesting that a complete set of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle may be forwarded to her.

A communication was received from Rev. Henry R. Wilson, a missionary to the Choctaws in Arkansas Territory, and hitherto connected with the American Board, but who offers himself to our Society, expressing his desire to be employed as a missionary to Northern India.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary write to the official organs of the American Board, stating the fact of Mr. Wilson's desires and application to us; inquiring whether there is any thing, in their view, impracticable in such a transfer of his connection, and whether it would be considered improper to entertain the said application on the part of this Committee. 2. Resolved, That whenever the way is opened by the regular dissolution of Mr. Wilson's connection with the American Board, the Committee are ready to receive him as a missionary under their care; and if the said dissolution has already occurred that he be, and he hereby is, received accordingly.

A statement of the accounts of the Wean mission, dated Feb. 1st ult. was received from Mr. Kerr, from which it appears that the whole of the receipts since the date of the last report, with the balance on hand at that time, amount to \$586.67 - expenditures \$485.05 - balance on hand \$101.62. A letter was also received from Mr. Kerr, communicating intelligence respecting the state of our missions among the Indians, and of the sudden decrease of an interest young Wean, who had

become hopefully pious, and appeared active in the cause of Christ; moreover, suggesting the propriety of establishing a mission among the Little Osages; and expressing the hope that some additional missionary laborers will be sent out this spring.

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee will endeavor, as soon as practicable, this spring, to send out two or three lay missionary assistants, qualified to discharge the duty of teachers among the Indians; and that the Cor. Secretary give public notice, in the religious papers, of this design; requesting that applications of suitable persons to the Committee may be made without delay, in order that arrangements may be made in due season for their outfit and passage.

Mr. Shepherd having, through Mr. Kerr, requested this Committee to take some measures to secure the common education of his son, and for training him for some useful occupation in life, Messrs. Hannen and Wilson were appointed a committee to seek a situation for Mr. Shepherd's son, in which these objects may be secured.

A letter, dated August 10, 1835, was received from Mr. Newton; giving some information of the passage up the Ganges of the mission family of which he is a member - of their general health, and the design of their taking out from Calcutta a printing press, to be put into operation at Lodianna.

A letter was received from Hon. Walter Lowrie on the subject of the funds of the Society, and expressing the desire that the sum which he recently transmitted to our Treasurer may be forwarded as soon as possible to Cockerell & Co. in Calcutta.

On motion, Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary, with the Treasurer, as soon as practicable make a remittance to Cockerell & Co. of the said sum, and as much in addition as will raise it at least to \$3000.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 21, 1836.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Swift, Hannen, Semple and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph W. Blythe, giving some information of his progressive agency in behalf of the Society in some towns of the west.

A communication was received from E. Herring, Esq. of the War Department of the U. States, in answer to a letter of the Cor. Secretary on the subject of obtaining aid from the Government for our schools among the Weas and Iowas; requesting that more full and particular information may be communicated to the Department respecting the location and probable permanence of our establishments, and the number of scholars instructed in our schools, among the Indians.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Carothers and Andrews be a committee to ascertain the whole expense of those missionary establishments, the average number of children taught in the schools connected with them, &c.

A letter was received from Mr. A. Ballard, giving some intelligence of the mission to the Iowas, with a statement of accounts and a list of articles which will be wanted this season, at that station.

On motion, Messrs. Hannen and Thompson were appointed a committee to procure and transmit to their places of destination such articles as will be needed at our missionary stations among the Indians.

A communication was received from Rev. Richard Brown, containing a summary report of his agency of four months and a statement of his accounts; from which it appears, that he has visited, in the whole, 33 congregations, and preached 68 sermons - that his bill for four months is \$135; his travelling expenses \$5.75 - total, \$138.75 - that his collections have been \$27.21, and his draft on the

Treasury \$40; making \$67.21; and that the balance yet due him from the Board, \$71.54.

On motion, Resolved, 1. That the Treasurer pay Mr. Brown the sum of \$71.54, the amount of his claim.

Resolved, 2. That, as the increased operations of our Society require increased resources and efforts to raise funds, to meet accruing expenses, Mr. Brown be requested to write to the pastors of the congregations which he has visited, sending them statements of the pledges, or subscriptions, which have been obtained in their respective bounds, and earnestly requesting them severally to attend to the seasonable collection of whatever has been pledged, and to use their friendly agency to raise additional funds, to enable our Society to prosecute its important work with greater efficiency, and with renewed confidence of ample support from our churches.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. Daniel Newell be appointed, for the term of three months, as General Agent of the Society in the eastern section of the church, and that he be allowed a salary of \$100 a month, exclusive of travelling expenses - that the Cor. Secretary inform Mr. Newell, that the Committee, on account of their short continuance in office, deemed it inexpedient to extend the time in this appointment, but think it probable that it will be extended by the Board of the General Assembly.

A letter was received from Rev. Josiah Brewer, giving information of his agency in the east, and of his friendly reception by the brethren of the Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, New York, and other places.

A letter was received from Mr. Alexander Guy, of Middletown, Ohio, expressing his willingness to take an agency for the Society in the southern section of the Church; and, on motion, his application was laid on the table.

A communication was received from Mr. James M. Hoge, of Princeton, Ind. giving an account of the organization of an auxiliary missionary Society in that place in which are united members of the Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. Hammen, of the committee appointed to make inquiry respecting a suitable situation for Mr.*Sheppard's son, stated that they had paid attention to the duty assigned them, but were not yet prepared to make a full report.

(* Sheppard is also spelled Shepherd)

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Cor. Secretary or Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 28, 1856.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Hammen, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The committee appointed to ascertain the expenses of our missionary establishments among the Indians, the number of scholars in the schools at the stations, &c. presented a report; which was read and accepted.

The Cor. Secretary announced to the Committee, that he had received information, that the Rev. Robert J. Breckenridge, of the city of Baltimore, is about to sail for Europe, as a delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and he would be willing to act as the representative of this Society in attendance upon the meetings and anniversaries of similar and sister institutions in the British Empire; where upon, it was, on motion, Resolved, That this Committee regard the great object of the evangelization of the world as one which is pre-eminently fitted to unite the sympathies and affections of all who sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ; and that they cherish towards all evangelical societies, engaged in the work of Foreign Missions, whether in this country or among our dear Brethren of the British Isles, the feelings of brotherly love and good will, and would, therefore, gladly avail themselves of every opportunity to reciprocate these sentiments.

Resolved, That, in accordance with these views, the Rev. R. J. Brecken-^{*}ridge be, and he hereby is, authorized and appointed to represent this Society at the anniversaries of such foreign missionary societies in England as he may find it convenient to attend; and that he be requested to communicate to them the sentiments and affections which we entertain toward them and the great object in which they are embarked. (* also spelled Breckinridge)

A letter was received from Rev. Josiah Brewer, dated at Stockbridge on the 11th inst. making some report of his agency in several towns of Massachusetts, and of a increased interest awakened in Berkshire in behalf of our Mediterranean Mission; and stating that there was a prospect of his obtaining a passage to Smyrna in the ship Padang, Capt. Williams, about to sail from the port of New York towards the close of this month.

Another letter was received from Mr. Brewer, written at New York on the 19th inst. stating the probability that the Padang would not sail before the 28th or 31st; and expressing his desire that the Cor. Secretary might be present when our missionaries, accompanied by several others, depart for the destined field of their labor in the Mediterranean.

The Cor. Secretary presented a draft of Instructions, for the direction of our missionaries now about to sail for Smyrna; which was read and approved.

The Executive Committee, in view of the increasing demands upon our Treasury, and the necessity of being prepared to make a full transfer, in good state, of all the funds belonging to our Society, to the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Assembly, soon to be organized, unanimously adopted the following resolution; viz.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to collect the monies now out on loan; and, in cases which may require such an arrangement, he be authorized to receive good negotiable paper, at four months from date, and use his endeavors to raise the money on the same for the present remittance to India.

The Assistant Clerk presented a bill of Mr. Matthew Maclean for printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle for April proximo, amounting to \$47.84; and, on motion, it was resolved, that an order be issued for the payment of said bill.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Corresponding Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, April 14, 1836.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to the call of the Corresponding Secretary, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Hannen, Semple and Thompson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Mr. Sheppard, stating his return from the Indian hunt; giving an account of his sojourn and labors in their camps; describing their Buffalo dances; mentioning a temporary law of recent date passed by the chiefs, by which whiskey is excluded from the nation; and suggesting the propriety of a great increase of missionary laborers among the Iowas.

The application of Mr. Newcomb was called up; and, on motion, Resolved, That this Committee, soon to close their labors, deem it inexpedient, at present, to appoint any additional assistants to the Mediterranean Mission; but they recommend the application of Mr. Newcomb to the early attention of the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

A letter was received from Mr. T. Brown, containing a list of articles purchased by Mr. Wm. S. Martin in Philadelphia on account of the Mediterranean Mission, with the cost of boxes, freight to N-York, &c. amounting to \$418.68; also, an account of Mr. Brown's expenses from his outset at Indianapolis to his embarkation at N. York, amounting to \$715.50.

A letter was received from Rev. Josiah Brewer, giving some account of his collections - of the purchase of a printing press and apparatus for the Mediterranean

Mission - of a donation of \$300 from the American Tract Society, to be expended chiefly in publishing Greek Tracts; but promising a more exact statement of his accounts in a future communication.

A letter was received from Rev. W. J. Armstrong, one of the Secretaries of the American Board, in answer to one of our Cor. Secretary, in relation, to the application of Rev. Henry R. Wilson to be taken under the care of our Board; stating that the American Board had not been previously apprised of the design of Mr. Wilson to make this application.

A communication was received from Rev. K. G. Thompson, containing a report of his agency for three months; from which it appears that the amount of his collections is \$502.13 $\frac{1}{4}$ - that of this sum \$350.74 $\frac{1}{2}$ was paid to Mr. Rogers before he sailed for India - that, on account of salary and expenses, there is yet due to him \$6.53 $\frac{1}{4}$. On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay him this sum.

A communication was received from Mr. S. D. Campbell, containing a further report of his agency in Alabama, and a list of new subscribers to the For. Mission. Chronicle.

A letter was received from Rev. John C. Lowrie, giving some information respecting the Hills in Northern India, but promising a more particular description in notes which he was preparing. Also, a letter from Rev. J. Wilson stating the safe arrival at Cawnpore of the missionary reinforcement of which he is a member.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 12, 1836.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to a call of the Cor. Secretary, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, and Semple.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Mr. Henry Hill, of Boston, in answer to one from the Cor. Secretary, relative to an opportunity of our making a remittance to Cockerell & Co. at Calcutta.

A letter was received from Rev. Daniel Newell, dated Charleston, S. C. April 30, 1836, stating his readiness to accept, and so all in his power to execute a general agency for the Society in the eastern section of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Joseph W. Blythe presented a report of his voluntary agency for the Society in parts of Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio; from which it appears that he has collected \$1213.68 $\frac{3}{4}$, and obtained pledges equal to \$728.50 and that all his expenses amounted to \$71.55.

On motion, Resolved, That the report of Mr. Blythe be accepted and approved, and, that, in addition to the payment of his expenses, he be allowed the sum of \$50.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary be allowed the sum of \$250, as a compensation for his services rendered to the Society during the last six months.

Bills for supplies, purchased and forwarded to our missionaries among the Western Indians, were presented by Messrs. Hannen, Thompson, and Patterson; and the Cor. Secretary was instructed to issue his warrant on the Treasury for the payment of the same.

A letter was received from Rev. J. Kerr, stating that he had organized a small church at the Wean Station, and admitted three Indians to communion; one of whom is far advanced in years; making some useful suggestions in relation to the support of Indian children in connection with our Mission Family among the Weans; and requesting that some suitable school books, and other articles which are needed, may be procured and transmitted to that station as soon as may be practicable.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Patterson and Blythe be a committee to consider and report on the propriety of recommending Mr. John Andrews to the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions as a suitable person to be appointed as assistant Secretary in the office of said Board.

Adjourned to meet on the 24th inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, May 24, 1836.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Blythe, Hannen, Thompson, and Semple.

A report of the whole amount of the pecuniary operations of the Society from its commencement to the present time, in account with Mr. Samuel Thompson, Treasurer, was presented, accepted, and ordered to be placed on file in this office.

The Assistant Clerk presented the bill of Mr. William Allinder for printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle for June proximo, amounting to \$48.55, which, on motion, was ordered to be paid.

On motion, Mr. Henry E. McClelland, of Louisville, Ky. was appointed Treasurer of the Society, to receive the monies which may be collected, to aid our funds, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Louisville.

On motion, Mr. David E. Y. Rice was appointed agent for the Foreign Missionary Chronicle at South Hanover and vicinity, Indiana.

Resolved to have a recess, to meet at the call of the Secretary.

3 o'clock, May 24, The Executive Committee met at the call of the Secretary.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Hannen, Thompson and Semple.

A letter was received from Mr. Henry S. Wilson, in answer to one of the Corresponding Secretary, on the subject of his application to be taken under the care of our Society as a missionary to the heathen; in which the writer states, that his relation to the American Board was of such a nature that he was at liberty to withdraw from their service at any time when his Master should call him to do so; and that his withdrawal at the present time would not be injurious to any of the

missionary stations among the Choctaws of the Arkansas; as they are well supplied with laborers - that he had written to the American Board for a regular dismission, and would shortly set out on his journey on return to Shippensburgh, Pa. His letter was accompanied by very satisfactory testimonials of his good character and faithful labors for the benefit of the heathen from the missionaries of the American Board among the Choctaws.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, stating that two parties now exist among the Weas in reference to the Christian religion - that the Pagan party have manifested hostility to the Mission of our Society to that tribe, and expressed some unwillingness that our missionaries should occupy that station; in consequence of which Mr. Kerr requests that the permit of Government to establish a missionary school at that place may be forwarded to him. On motion, Resolved, That this request be granted.

Mr. Patterson, from the committee on the subject of recommending Mr. Andrews to the future Executive Board of Foreign Missions, as an assistant Secretary, presented a report, which was read, accepted and approved; and is as follows, viz. "The committee to whom the case was referred of recommending, with a suitable certificate, the Rev. John Andrews, as Assistant Secretary to the future Executive Board of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, beg leave to report, That Mr. Andrews has been found by the present Executive Committee of the Society a very faithful, skillful, diligent, and systematic recorder of all such articles as have been committed therefore, in trust to him; and, /recommend him, for the same office, to the future Board of the Society.

Signed, Robert Patterson,

24 May, 1836.

Chairman of the Committee."

Agreed to have a recess, to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

(A future meeting of the Committee was found impracticable during the sessions of the General Assembly.—Asst. Clerk.)

Pittsburgh, June 20, 1836.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to the appointment of the Board of Directors, who have resumed their attention to the concerns of the Society, in consequence of the failure of the expected transfer of its supervision to the General Assembly.

Constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliott, Swift, Hannen, and Semple.

Rev. Dr. Herron was re-appointed Chairman; and Rev. J. Andrews, Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year, at the salary which he has received in time past.

A letter was received from Rev. John C. Lowrie, dated Jan. 7, 1836; stating, that after due consultation with his brethren of the Mission at Lodiana, and with his medical adviser, Dr. C. M'Gregor, he had determined to return immediately to the United States, and continue for a season in this country, with the hope of recruiting his impaired health. This letter was accompanied by one, addressed to him, from Dr. M'Gregor, strongly recommending this course. On motion, Resolved, That these letters, in connection, be published in the Pittsburgh Christian Herald. A letter was also received from Hon. Walter Lowrie, in relation to the same subject; and the Cor. Secretary was instructed to write to him in reply.

A letter was received from Rev. Henry R. Wilson, dated May 30, stating that he had advanced as far as Batesville, Ark. on his journey to the east - purposed to proceed to Jackson, Mo.- commence a voluntary agency in behalf of our Society - and present the subject of missions to the churches which he might be permitted to meet; and requesting that the Secretary would make a communication to him at Cincinnati, Ohio.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. H. R. Wilson and William M'Combs be appointed as agents of the Society in the west, and that the Secretary designate the fields of their agency.

A letter was received from Rev. Daniel Newell, stating his readiness now

to serve the Board, as an agent, in the field to which he was appointed four months since, if the Committee direct it; and requesting that he may be speedily informed in reference to this matter. On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary inform Mr. Newell that the Committee desire him to fulfill an agency of three months in the said field, and make report of the same to the Committee.

A communication was received from Mr. Luke Loomis, bookseller, proposing to take 500 copies of the Memoir of Mrs. Louisa Lowrie, unbound, at cost, credit the Society, &c.- On motion, Messrs. Patterson and Seiple were appointed a committee, to negotiate with Mr. Loomis upon this subject - to secure such terms as they may deem equitable, and consistent with the interests of the Society, and make report of the result.

A communication was received from Mr. James Craig, giving some information of his effort to prepare for discharging the duties of a teacher in India, and expressing his willingness to embark, at the call of the Committee, for the field of his future labors, after sufficient previous notice.- Resolved, That the Secretary inform Mr. Craig, that the Committee purpose to send out to India another reinforcement, (of which he will be a member as soon as this shall be practicable; and that of the time of their sailing he will be seasonably advised.

From Rev. James Coe was received a report of his agency within the bounds of the Presbytery of Miami, O. from which it appears that he has collected \$747.50; and of this sum has forwarded \$697; leaving in his hand \$50. On motion, Resolved That the report of Mr. Coe be approved, and that he be allowed the \$50. in his hand as a remuneration for his labors.

An application of Rev. Rich. Brown, through Rev. E. M'Curdy, for an addition to his compensation for agency performed last winter, was presented; and, after some remarks, its consideration was deferred until the next meeting.

The Assistant Clerk presented the bill of Mr. William Allinder for printing the For. Missionary Chronicle for July proximo, amounting to \$50.07½; and the Secretary was instructed to issue his order for its payment.

A letter was received from Mr. Josiah F. C. Finley, at Cincinnati, stating that he was on his way to Pittsburgh - that he had made out the accounts of the Society in Liberia as nearly as possible, without seeing Mr. Finney, and would bring them with him; expressing a desire to aid in advancing the African Mission by a sub-agency of two or three months; and suggesting the great importance of establishing somewhere on the coast of Africa a school for the instruction of religious teachers.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare a suitable device of a seal for this Society, and engage an engraver to execute the same.

Resolved, That he be authorized to obtain the printing of 250 copies of a suitable form of Life membership, and fifty copies of commissions with the said seal thereto appended.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday, July 7th at half past 3 o'clock, P.M.

Pittsburgh, July 7, 1826.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Elliott, Swift, Hannen, Semple, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The consideration of Rev. Rich. Brown's application was resumed, and, after suitable inquiry into the circumstances of the case, it was, on motion, Resolved, That Mr. Brown be allowed a compensation for his agency of four months, performed last winter at the rate of \$40 a month, and that the Secretary issue an order on the Treasurer for the payment of the balance yet due to Mr. Brown according to this allowance; which, after deducting five dollars received by him since the

date of the last order issued in his favor, amounts, on the whole, to \$24.66.

Mr. Henry Bradley, who, for several years, has been employed as an assistant in our mission to the Weas, presented, through the Cor. Secretary, a request to be released from his labors in that missionary field, at least for a time, on account of impaired health. Mr. Bradley, being present, made a statement to the Committee on this subject; and the Cor. Secretary read a letter from Rev. Joseph Kerr, fully confirming the statement of Mr. Bradley; expressing the belief that if the Committee knew all the circumstances of the case, they would approve his leaving the station at present - that all the members of the mission advised him to take this course, and the same was recommended by physicians whom he consulted.

On motion, the Cor. Secretary and Mr. Thompson were appointed a committee to converse with Mr. Bradley, in relation to the state of his health, and his prospects of future employment.

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee assume the ground in relation to Rev. Josiah Brewer and the Mediterranean Mission indicated in the resolutions adopted by them, at a meeting held on the 2nd of February last (See Minutes, page 416), and that they will now proceed to mature and carry out the plan of the said Mission.

The application of Mr. Harvey Newcomb and wife, which had been laid over for the action of the new Board, was taken up; and, on motion, Resolved, That a decision on this application be deferred until the next meeting; that Messrs. Swift, Halsey, and Elliott, be a committee to converse with Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb upon the subject of their health, and in relation to their future occupations in the service of the Society, should they be received and connected with the Mediterranean Mission; and that this committee report at the next meeting.

The committee appointed to negotiate with Mr. Luke Loomis respecting the Memoir of Mrs. Lowrie, made their report; which was accepted. Mr. Patterson presented a paper addressed to him as the chairman, in which Mr. Loomis makes the

following proposals:—"I will take the edition of these Memoirs of Mrs. Lowrie at cost; viz. the books done up by Messrs. Hogan & Co. in Muslin at 22½ cents; those in sheets, at 16½; payable in three instalments; viz. 8, 14, and 20 months, without interest.—If the above is acceptable to the Board, it is predicated, I should state also, that the engraved plate be put into my hands; so that, should the demand warrant future editions, I may be prepared to furnish them; and for which I will pay the Board three cents per copy in six months after each edition shall be printed, or placed complete in the binders' hands."

On motion, Resolved, That the proposal of Mr. Luke Leonis in regard to the Memoir of Mrs. Lowrie be accepted, and that he be allowed the use of the engraved plate for future editions of this Memoir, on the terms stated, but not for any other object; and that it be kept in the office of the Society when not in immediate use for the purpose above mentioned.

The Assistant Clerk stated to the Committee, that Mr. Josiah F. C. Finley had placed in his hands the day-books, bills, receipts, and letters, of our Mission to Africa, so far as they could be obtained; and that they are now deposited in this office.

Adjourned to meet on next Monday morning at half past eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 11, 1836.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Elliott, Swift, Hannon, Semple and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The committee appointed to converse with Mr. Bradley in relation to the state of his health, and his prospects as to future employment, stated that

they had paid some attention to the duty assigned them; but requested longer time, that they might be better prepared to report on the subject; which was granted.

On motion, Resolved, that the expenses necessarily incurred by our missionaries, or missionary assistants, by returning from the field of their labors, when rendered unable by ill health to prosecute their work, be paid out of our Treasury.

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to provide for his use a printed Receipt Book, with blanks that can be filled with convenience and despatch.

A letter was received from Mr. Francis H. Lindsay, assistant to our mission among the Weas, requesting to be dismissed from the service of the Society, on the ground of his want of suitable qualifications for the work assigned him, the absence of a favorable opportunity to instruct Indian children in any considerable or encouraging numbers and the expenses incurred by the Society on his account, for which he feels himself unable to render equivalent service; but expressing his willingness to remain until next autumn or spring, if the Committee think it best, or to labor in some other tribe where a door of usefulness should appear to be opened. The consideration of his request was deferred to a future meeting.

A letter was received from John Nitchie, Esq. Treasurer of the American Bible Society, approssing the Committee of a donation of 500 Greek Testaments, made by that noble Society to the Western Foreign Missionary Society, for sale or distribution by our missionary, Rev. Josiah Brewer, at Smyrna, and that these Testaments had been directed to Rev. Mr. Benjamin, to sail from Boston for Smyrna on the 12th inst. On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary, through Mr. Nitchie, tender to the American Bible Society the thanks of the Committee for their valuable donation; and that he write to Mr. Brewer on the subject of the sale and distribution of said Testaments.

On motion, the Assistant Clerk was instructed to examine the books, accounts, bills, and letters, relating to our African Mission, which were left in our office by Mr. Josiah F. C. Finley, and make report of them to the Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary inquire into the expediency of renewing our Missionary operations in Africa, and report at the next meeting.

The Committee appointed to converse with Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb on some points in reference to their application to be received as missionary assistants in the Mediterranean field presented an oral report, which was accepted. After some deliberation, the following resolution was adopted; Resolved, That considering the important sphere of usefulness which Mr. Newcomb occupies in this country - the uncertainty as to the effect of the climate of Asia Minor on the health of himself and family, and the size of Mr. Newcomb's family, the Committee entertain much doubt as to the expediency of his being sent to the Smyrna Mission; and so much regard for the course and success of his present labors, that, while they highly appreciate his motives, they feel unable to form an affirmative decision on his offer to consecrate himself to that service.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, July 28, 1836.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Elliott, Swift, and Hannen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A communication was received from Mr. Samuel M. Irwin, of New Castle, Pa. offering himself to the Society as an assistant missionary among the heathen, to be employed in the capacity of a teacher. It was accompanied by a letter of recommendation, signed by Rev. Robert Semple, pastor of the N. Castle church;

by three of its elders; and by other persons; bearing testimony to the good moral character of Mr. Irwin, his regular standing in the church, practical piety and literary acquirements, which qualify him for usefulness at some mission station.

On motion, Resolved, That the application of Mr. Irwin lie on the table for consideration at the next meeting.

A letter was received from Rev. David B. Field, expressing his desire to make some collections in the Congregational Churches in the County of Berkshire, Mass. for the support of Rev. Josiah Brewer, our missionary at Smyrna; and requesting authority for himself, and for other brethren whom he names, to act in this business, without charge to the Society.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. Samuel Shepard, P. D. of Lenox; Rev. David D. Field, of Stockbridge; and Rev. H. N. Brinsnade, of Pittsfield, Mass. be a committee to collect funds in the churches referred to in Mr. Field's letter to be applied to the purpose therein designated; and that they make stated reports of their proceedings to the Executive Committee.

A letter, in answer to one of the Cor. Secretary, was received from Rev. Daniel Newell; in which he states, that if he enter upon the business of our Board, he will do it with a view of permanence, if his labors be acceptable, and not for any limited time, or without a designated field; but if the city of Philadelphia or the region of New York were assigned, he would engage at once in his agency. In reference to these points he desires information. On motion, the subject of Mr. Newell's letter was deferred, for consideration at the next meeting.

A bill of Mr. Wa. Allinder for printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle for August proximo, and a Circular of the Board of Directors to the Friends and Patrons of the Society, amounting to \$86.06, was presented by the Assistant Clerk; which, on motion, was ordered to be paid.

A letter was received from Mr. Josiah F. C. Finley, stating that Mr. Pinney has recovered his health, and unless our Society desire his services in the renewal

of our African Mission, he will probably accept an agency from the American Colonization Society. The letter also contained a statement of the monies due to our Society from individuals in Liberia, as far as it could be ascertained, amounting to \$209.24.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday, August 4th at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 4, 1836.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Elliott, Swift, Hannen, Thompson, and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Assistant Clerk presented a report on the papers, accounts, &c. recently received, of our Mission to Africa, which was read and accepted.

Rev. Henry K. Wilson, having been introduced, the Committee conversed with him upon the subject of his appointment as missionary of our Society, and in relation to the field of his future labor among the heathen; and, without passing any formal resolution, expressed the desire that he will continue his agency in our churches until the Committee shall be prepared to send him out.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, more particularly informing the Committee of the contemplated withdrawal of Mr. Lindsay from our mission to the Weas, and of the grounds on which he believes this to be his duty; and also, suggesting to the Committee the propriety, either of our Society purchasing the property of the Methodist Society at Peoria, or of their Society purchasing our improvements at Wea, to prevent collisions between the missions at these stations, which are contiguous to each other.

After some deliberation, the committee passed the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That Mr. Kerr be authorized to express respectfully to the authorities of the Methodist Mission at Peoria, that, in the opinion of this Committee, one of the two establishments existing in that Reserve should be withdrawn, provided the same can be done on principles of harmony and good feeling.

2. Resolved, That Mr. Kerr be, and he hereby is, authorized, in the name, and on behalf of this Committee, to negotiate with the same for the execution of such a transfer; and that he be authorized to sell out our improvements to them, or purchase theirs, on such terms and principles as may be mutually satisfactory; subject to the final decision of the Committee.

A letter was received from Rev. Wm. L. Breckinridge, Ky. in relation to our Western Board of Agency, at Louisville; and, on motion, it was resolved, that Messrs. N. D. Averil, Daniel Warts, and Henry Timstell, be added to the present members of said Board.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Wm. W. Phillips, of New York, expressing approbation of the energetic proceedings of our Board to advance the cause of Foreign Missions; stating that the New York Board of Agency has been organized, and that they have appointed an agent for that region.

In accordance with a resolution of the Committee, passed on the 11 th ult. the Cor. Secretary reported orally, in part, the result of his inquiries, as to the expediency of renewing our African Mission; but he was requested to reduce his views to writing, that the Committee might be prepared for action on the subject at their next meeting.

In answer to inquiry from the Chair, the Secretary stated, that he had not yet drawn up the minutes and resolutions which the Committee, at their last meeting requested him to prepare, and present at the meeting of to-day, in relation to his accepting, or declining to accept, the office of Cor. Secretary and General Agent, to which he was elected by the Board of Directors; and in reference to the appointment of Hon. Walter Lowrie, in case a vacancy in the office should occur;

and he assigned as his reason for deferring to draft said resolutions his conviction that the pressure of other business would necessarily occupy the whole time of the present session.

Adjourned to meet next Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 8, 1836.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Hannen, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The application of Mr. Samuel M. Irwin was taken up. He, being present, was introduced to the Committee; who conversed with him as to his views and feelings, in reference to the work in which he desires to be engaged.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Irwin be, and he hereby is, received as an assistant in the Foreign Missionary service, to be employed in the occupation as a teacher.

The Secretary presented the resolutions which the Committee had requested him to prepare, respecting the renewal of our Mission to Africa, and concerning the office of Cor. Secretary. Considering the importance of these subjects, and with the hope of securing a more full attendance of the members, the Committee adjourned to meet on Wednesday next at half past three o'clock, P.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 10, 1836.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Elliot, Halsey, Patterson, Baird, Swift, and Semple.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Mr. Reese Morris, requesting information of the time when the next re-inforcement of our Mission to Northern India will probably sail from this country for the port of Calcutta; and expressing the desire of himself and Mr. Craig to go in November next, in preference to February; but leaving the matter entirely to the decision of the Committee.

An application was received from Miss Sarah W. Douglass, of Beaver Co. Pa. to be taken under the care of the Society as an assistant in the foreign missionary service, and employed as an instructress of heathen children. It was accompanied by a recommendatory letter from Rev. Wm. D. Smith, and a certificate from Rev. Wm. Reed, pastor of N. Salem Church, of which she is a member, bearing testimony to her piety and her mental capacity for improvement, which afford encouraging prospects of her usefulness.

On motion, Resolved, That the application of Miss Douglass lie on the table; and that the Cor. Secretary write to Mr. Smith, asking some information respecting her health, talent for teaching, and skill in the management of domestic affairs.

The Cor. Secretary reported a minute and resolutions upon the subject of renewing our African Mission, which, after due consideration, were unanimously adopted; and are as follows; viz.

Whereas the great continent of Africa, in part owing to the peculiar and formidable difficulties which are presented in the way of its evangelization, still remains, to a great extent, destitute of its proper share in the missionary efforts of Protestant Christendom; and whereas the founding of a mission in the region of Western or Central Africa is a step which this Committee have, for years, had much at heart; but though, in the unerring providence of God, our attempts to effect it have thus far been attended with bereavement and trial, the Committee have never thought of utterly abandoning it; and whereas the Society has still considerable property in Africa, and has yet been unable to comply with the request of several

native towns, that it would extend to them and their children the means of Christian education; and whereas our missionary brethren, heretofore employed in that field, and driven from it by protracted disease, have recovered their health and are willing to return to it; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That our missionary operations in Africa be renewed, and that Messrs. Pinney and Finley, with such persons as may be associated with them, be appointed to repair to that field as soon as suitable arrangements can be made.

Resolved, 2. That, in the renewal of our efforts for the good of Africa, special attention be paid to the selection of a salubrious and promising site for our future operation; and for making every possible exertion to provide a location at which missionaries hereafter leaving this country under our direction, for the African service, may enjoy the opportunity of passing the season of acclimation in circumstances more safe and comfortable than heretofore.

Resolved, 3. That these brethren be requested to act as Agents of the Board.

The Committee farther, Resolved, That the field of Mr. Finley's agency be the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and those adjoining them; and that the field of Mr. Pinney be designated by the Cor. Secretary.

Resolved, That Messrs. Pinney and Finley draw up a plan or expose of their views as the best method of renewing our operations in Africa; and of prosecuting the work of the Mission, as respects the communication of divine truth, the establishment and conducting of schools, and the management of necessary secular and financial concerns; and that they be requested to forward the same to this Committee.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, dated June 1, stating that the Osages had, at that time, assumed a very hostile attitude toward the little bands of the Miami nation, embracing the Peanpishaws, Weas, Peorias, and Raskaskias; and also acknowledging the arrival at Independence of six boxes, containing supplies for our missions at Wea and Iowa.

On motion, Messrs. Semple and Thompson were appointed a committee to purchase such school books, and other articles, as are yet needed for the supply of our mission to the Iowas, and forward the same to the place of their destination.

Mr. Swift, chairman of the committee appointed to procure a suitable device of a seal for the Society and have the engraving executed, reported that they had paid some attention to the business intrusted to them, and desired longer time, that they might be able to report the completion of the work; which was granted.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 16th inst. at half past 3 o'clock, P.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, August 16, 1836.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliot, Halsey, Swift, Hennen, Semple.

A letter was received from Rev. James Coe, stating that he had not yet been able to determine what is his duty in reference to undertaking the agency to which he was appointed by the Board; but as soon as he shall have come to a decision, he will communicate the same to the Committee.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph W. Blythe, stating that several of our brethren in the east have expressed opinions unfavorable to his attempting an agency for our Board in the South, at the present time; and requesting the advice of the Committee in the case. The Cor. Secretary, having prepared a letter, in answer to that of Mr. Blythe, directing him to proceed in his agency, read it to the Committee, which was approved and ordered to be forwarded.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, suggesting to the Committee the necessity of dissolving the connection which has, for some (?) existed between Mr. Sheppard and the mission to the Iowas, on account of his imprudent and un-

christian conduct toward his brethren of the mission, and his perseverance in the same course after concessions and promises of amendment; and also stating that he had left the station and departed for Cincinnati.

A letter was received from Mr. Sheppard, dated at Cincinnati, Aug. 10, assigning some reasons for his leaving the station at this time; expressing his desire to come to Pittsburgh and have an interview with the Committee; and requesting some pecuniary assistance to enable him to pay his passage. After considering the subject, and following minute and resolutions were adopted; viz.

Whereas, from Mr. Kerr's letter and other sources of information, it seems probable to this Committee that Mr. Sheppard is possessed of some traits of character which disqualify him for being a useful and happy member of a mission family; and whereas the Committee think Mr. Sheppard's conduct in leaving the station improper and unjustifiable, therefore, Resolved, 1. That the Cor. Secretary be directed to write to Mr. Sheppard, and suggest to him, that it is the advice of the Committee that he should withdraw from the service of the Board. Resolved, 2. That Mr. Sheppard be informed, that if he should think this would operate injuriously to him, the Committee desire him forthwith to come to this city, that he may have an opportunity of satisfying them, as far as he can, in reference to the course which he has pursued, and such proceedings may be had in the case as his circumstances may seem to require; that he be authorized to draw on our Treasurer for a sum sufficient to pay the necessary expenses of his passage from Cincinnati to this city, to be paid to him on his arrival.

The Secretary, Mr. Swift, presented a report respecting the office of Cor. Secretary; which was read, and after due consideration, was adopted, and is as follows; viz.

Several members of the Committee, having received the impression, in recent conversation with the Hon. Lowrie, who was, last year chosen Cor. Secretary and General Agent of the Society, that he might still be induced, if the way were open to undertake the duties of that office, the committee, at a late meeting,

requested the present Cor. Secretary to present to them his ultimate decision as to the acceptance of that office, and to prepare a minute and resolutions proper to be adopted in case efforts were now made to secure the services of Mr. Lowrie.

Mr. Swift stated to the Committee, that if called upon to decide, under existing circumstances, whether he were willing to request a dissolution of his present pastoral relation so recently formed with the approbation of the Board, in order to consecrate his time and labors forthwith, exclusively, to the duties of that office, he must feel himself constrained to say, as he did to the Board before the appointment in question was made, that the present aspect of Divine Providence does not appear to him to justify such a determination; That, considering the uncertainty which existed as to the alternate disposition which might be made of the Society itself, or of the foreign missionary cause in our church; the limited extent to which the labors of the Cor. Secretary were now demanded abroad; the doubt as to what might be the course of duty, if these considerations were removed; and more especially considering the prospect that now exists that the great interests of the Society and the cause may be secured by a different appointment, he did not see his way clear to break up his present relations, and did not wish to retain the office longer in the present form, if it were judged by the friends of the Society that its interests would be promoted by ceasing to hold the subject longer under consideration. He then presented the following resolutions, which were amended and adopted; viz.

Resolved, 1. That in view of all the circumstances of the case, as they now exist, the Committee approve of the course now suggested by the Cor. Secretary; and that they consequently approve of his resigning the said office forthwith, that measures may be taken to secure the contemplated arrangements.

Resolved, 2. That the President of the Board of Directors be requested, and he hereby is, requested to call a special meeting of the said Board, to be held in this city, on Wednesday the 24th inst. at 3 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of the appointment of a Cor. Secretary and General Agent of and for the said Society.

Resolved, 3. That Messrs. Herron and Baird be appointed a committee to announce to Mr. Lowrie the steps which have now been taken, and to obtain, if possible, such an arrangement as may prevent any subsequent delay in the actual assumption of the duties of the said office; as it will now be vacant.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 17, 1856.

The Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer. Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Elliot, Swift, Hannen, Semple, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The application of Mr. Lindsay to be released from the service of the Board among the Western Indians was taken up. His reasons for desiring a dismissal were considered; and, on motion, it was Resolved, that his request be granted, and that the Secretary inform him of this resolution.

Messrs. Semple and Thompson were appointed a committee, in company with Mr. Lowrie, to inquire for a suitable and conveniently accessible room or rooms, in this city, in which the office of the Society may be kept, and report the result of their inquiries at the next meeting.

Hon. Walter Lowrie was introduced to the Committee, and the minute and resolutions passed at the last meeting respecting the office of Cor. Secretary and General Agent of the Society were read. After some conversation in reference to his acceptance of this office, should he be appointed to it by the Board of Directors, he expressed his sense of the great importance and responsibility of the office, and requested a short time to consider the subject (which was granted) in order that he might be more fully satisfied as to the path of duty, before the meeting of the Board.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or chairman. Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 25, 1856.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Chairman, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Patterson, Hannen, Semple, Thompson, and Wilson; with Walter Lowrie, Esq. who had been appointed to the office of Cor. Secretary and General Agent of the Society by the Board of Directors, at a special meeting held yesterday, agreeably to a call of the President.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Lowrie, in conference with the Committee, declared his acceptance of the office to which he has been elected by the Board; but stated, that, as he would not be able fully to enter upon the discharge of its appropriate duties before the month of December next, the office is now accepted with the request and the understanding that, in the interim, during his unavoidable absence, Mr. Swift will perform those duties in his stead; and to this Mr. Swift, being present, cheerfully gave his consent.

The committee appointed to look out for a suitable room in which may be kept the office of the Society, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them - had found a commodious room in a house on the corner of Market and 5th Streets, at a rent of \$162.50 per annum, and had engaged it for the time intervening between the 24th inst. and the first of April next.

The Chairman of the committee appointed July 7, to converse with Mr. Bradley in relation to his health, &c. requested that his case should be now considered. Mr. Bradley, being present, stated that his health was improved - that he purposed to resume his labors among the Indians; but thought it would be imprudent for him to go out in the sickly season, and there was little prospect of his usefulness in the winter during the general absence of the Indians. Therefore, he believed it would be most advisable for him to remain here a few months and go out early next spring.

On motion, Resolved, That the contemplated re-inforcement of our mission

to the Indians, of which Mr. Bradley is expected to be a member, will be sent out, Providence permitting, at the opening of the river navigation next spring.

The application of Miss Sarah W. Douglass was taken up. A letter was received from Rev. Wm. D. Smith, in answer to inquiries of the Cor. Secretary respecting her health, talents for teaching, &c. and inquiring, in case she should be accepted, for a situation in which she might, in part, pay for her board, and improve herself by going to a school. On motion, Messrs. Swift and Sample were appointed a committee to look out for such a situation, and correspond with Miss Douglass on this subject, and in reference to the work in which she wishes to engage.

On motion, Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, in ordinary cases, to send out unmarried females as assistants in our missions to the Western Indians.

A communication was received from Mr. William M'Combs, in which he offers to consecrate himself to the foreign missionary service under the care of our Society. On motion, his application was laid on the table for consideration at a future meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. J. F. C. Finley, dated the 15th inst. in which he mentions reasons why he considers it his duty, for the present, to give up all idea of returning as a missionary to Africa.

A letter was received from Rev. Daniel Newell, in relation to his agency at Philadelphia, the salary allowed him by the Committee, the missions established and contemplated by the Society, &c. and requesting letters of introduction to the brethren in the field of his agency, and copies of the publications of the Society.-- On motion, the subjects of Mr. Newell's letter were referred to the Cor. Secretary, who is about to visit Philadelphia, and will probably have an interview with the writer.

A letter was received from Mr. Wm. A. Hallock, Cor. Secretary of the American Tract Society, inquiring what measure of aid from that Institution will be needed at our several missionary stations for the current year, and requesting

a reply on or before the 10th of September next, Mr. Swift was requested to respond to the inquiry of Mr. Hallock.

On motion, Resolved, That, in all ordinary cases hereafter, the agents of the Society shall be appointed with the explicit understanding that their salaries must be paid from the collection which they make; and if they fail to collect what is sufficient for this purpose, the Committee reserve to themselves the power of terminating their agency on being apprized of their deficiency.

Adjourned to meet on Monday the 29th inst. at half past three o'clock, P.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 29, 1836.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Lowrie, Hammen, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A proposition for the enlargement of our existing missions and the establishment of others in different fields, having been introduced was considered and adopted, and is as follows; viz.

The Executive Committee, humbly looking to God for his blessing, and relying upon him to sustain, direct, and encourage them, and the missionaries and agents under their care, will endeavor, during the ensuing year, to enlarge their present missions, and establish new ones, as follows:

Enlargement of their Present Missions.

1. Mission to Africa - One Ordained minister, and one Teacher.
2. To Northern India - Two Ministers, one Physician, one Printer, one Teacher, and their wives.
3. To the Iowa Indians - One Minister and one Teacher.
4. To Smyrna - Two Ministers, two Teachers, one Physician.

New Missions

1. China - Two Ministers, two Physicians, two Teachers, one Printer, one Type-founder, one Superintendent, and their wives.
2. Calcutta - Two Ministers, one Teacher, one Printer.
3. Mandan Indians, or some other Tribe on the Upper Missouri - One Minister, one Physician, two Teachers, two Farmers, one Blacksmith.
4. Osage Indians - One Minister, one Teacher, one Farmer - in all 37.

Of the thirty-seven missionaries and missionary assistants wanted, the Executive Committee have engaged ten; and they have encouraging prospects of obtaining the others during the coming year.

It will now rest with the churches whether they will afford the Executive Committee the necessary means to sustain the very important missions which they have now brought to the notice of their friends and patrons. It is due to those friends and patrons that the Executive Committee should inform them, that the outfit and support of some of these missions will require liberal contributions on the part of the churches. Of these the missions to the Mandan Indians, to Calcutta and to China, will, for the first year, be the most expensive.

The mission to China will be acknowledged by all to be of the first importance. For that great but degraded people, and the other adjacent nations, who read her language, little comparatively has been done by any branch of the Christian church. By the Presbyterian Church, in her organized capacity, nothing has yet been attempted. It is time, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, that this mission should be brought distinctly before the churches, On this branch of the subject the following facts and information are submitted.

The Executive Committee have ascertained that the Chinese scholars in Paris have been able, by arranging the Chinese characters into two classes - one class comprising those which are typographically indivisible characters, and the other class

the characters which are typographically divisible - to furnish the whole 30,000 characters by making 9000 punches only. A skillful typographer has commenced the manufacture of the manufacture of the type, and will engage to furnish, within a year, a complete set of matrices from the 9000 punches, which will at once enable our type-founders to supply Chinese movable metal type to any extent that may be wanted. The expense of the entire set of 9000 matrices will be in Paris \$4218.75.

Although it will be a year before the matrices can be furnished, the intervening time need not be lost to those who may be designated to this field. The Corresponding Secretary of the Society is so far master of the written language of China that the missionaries for this field may at once commence the study of it under his direction. So soon, therefore, as the Executive Committee have encouragement to proceed, the matrices will be ordered and other preparatory steps taken for the organization of the mission.

Communications were received from Rev. Messrs. S. Shepard, of Lenox; H. A. Brinsnade, of Pittsfield; and E. W. Dwight, of Richmond, Mass. bearing very favorable testimony to Rev. Josiah Brewer, in relation to his theological sentiments, piety, intelligence, and kindness of disposition.

A communication was received from Rev. Benjamin F. Spilman, requesting that the Foreign Missionary Chronicle may be sent to the officers of several auxiliary missionary societies, which he has formed in Illinois; and asking information respecting the frequency and the subjects of the reports which he is expected to make, and the place to which they are to be directed. Rev. W. C. Anderson, our General Agent for the west, was instructed to answer the inquiries of Mr. Spilman.

The Committee appointed to inquire after a suitable situation for Miss Douglass, and correspond with her in reference to her application, reported that they had found such a situation at Mr. Semple's in Allegheny with a view to her preparation for the work to which she desires to devote herself, and that they had informed Mr. Smith of the same. The report was accepted; and, on motion, Miss

Douglass was received as an assistant in the foreign missionary service.

A letter was received from Rev. Henry A. Riley, of New York, making inquiry respecting the application of Mrs. Baldwin to be received under the care of our Society as a missionary assistant, and recommending a Miss Agnew as a suitable person to be appointed to the same work. The subjects of this letter were, on motion, referred to the Corresponding Secretary.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Hannen and Semple, with the Assist. Clerk, be a committee to attend to the following items of business in reference to the copies of the F. M. Chronicle which remain on hand; viz. To make out complete sets of all the numbers from the commencement to the present time, as far as the number of the copies will admit, in order that they may be bound at the close of the current volume, if that be then deemed advisable;- to make out sets of the work, in which there may be a deficiency of one or two numbers, with the hope that such deficiency may yet be supplied by reprinting or otherwise:- to file and preserve of the surplus copies a sufficient quantity for the supply of subscribers who want them to complete their files:- then, take measures for the immediate distribution of all remaining surplus copies; presenting them, in proper proportions, to Missionary and Tract Societies, Sabbath School Associations, to pious book-sellers and merchants and active individuals, who will undertake to distribute them gratuitously, and as extensively as possible, for the purpose of diffusing missionary information.

On motion, Resolved, That the same committee superintend the removal of the books, papers, and furniture, from this place to the mission room recently secured in the corner of Market and Fifth Streets, and that they attend to the arrangement of these, and any other articles, that may be collected in said room.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee be tendered to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of this city for their generosity in allowing the W.F.M. Society the gratuitous occupancy of their room in the rear of the house of worship as a place for the transaction of the business, and as a deposit for the books and

papers of said Society, during the space of two years and three months.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Sat. 5, 1836.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Halsey, Elliot, Hannen, Sempie and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The committees on the arrangement of the remaining copies of the For. Missionary Chronicle, and the distribution of surplus copies; and on the removal of the books, papers, &c of the Society to the Mission Room, Corner of Market and 5th St. orally made their reports, which were accepted.

A letter was received from Miss Nancy Henderson, now connected with our mission to the Iowas; stating that the Indians of that tribe expect to remove, this fall, from their present residence to another part of the Indian Territory, and, in consequence, she will be able to do little or nothing for their benefit during the autumn and winter; and requesting, on this ground, permission from the Committee to be absent from the mission until early next spring, on a visit to her relatives in Illinois and Pennsylvania; stating also that she has no intention of forsaking the work; that she will bear the expenses of her journey home, and, if practicable, those of her return to the mission field.- On motion, Resolved, That the request of Miss Henderson be granted, and that the Assistant Clerk inform her of this resolution.

Two letters were received from Rev. Joseph W. Blythe, dated at Lewisburgh, Va. August 26, 27; stating, that from the attempts made, and information received, by him, he has little or no prospect of success in his agency in the south, beyond defraying his expenses; advising that the field be given up or only touched lightly; suggesting the propriety of his leaving the field for the present, and employing his time in the Presbyteries of Carlisle or New Brunswick; in the vicinity of Philadelphia,

or in some other place.

The Committee having maturely considered the contents of Mr. Blythe's letters, adopted the following resolutions; viz.

Resolved, 1. That Mr. Blythe be permitted and instructed to leave forthwith the field of the Southern Agency to which he was appointed by the Board of Directors on the 15th of June last.

Resolved, 2, That as the fields of labor proposed by Mr. Blythe are already occupied, to a considerable extent, by other agents, he be instructed to repair to the west with as little delay as possible, and occupy the field of agency, including the State of Kentucky and part of Tennessee, which was assigned by the Board to Rev. Andrew Todd, but which remains vacant in consequence of his declining to accept their appointment.

Resolved, 3, That Rev. Saml. S. Davis of Augusta, Georgia, be, and he hereby is, appointed as General Agent of the Society in the Southern section of our church, including the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia; and that he be allowed the salary of 1200 dollars, exclusive of his travelling expenses. But in case Mr. Davis finds it utterly impracticable to perform the duties of this agency, he be requested to make inquiry, and recommend to the Committee as soon as possible some brother in the south, of suitable qualifications, who would be willing to undertake the work.

Resolved, 4, That Mr. Swift be requested to write to Mr. Blythe, informing him of the resolutions of the Committee in reference to his agency; and to make out a commission for Mr. Davis, to be forwarded directly to him, with a copy of the instructions already prepared for the direction of General Agents.

The application of Mr. William M'Combs was taken up; and the Committee having received satisfactory information of his character and qualifications, resolved, that he be accepted as a missionary of the Society, to be employed in a field to be hereafter designated.

A letter was received from Mr. Sheppard, expressing a desire to have an

interview with the Committee, and inquiry into his case; but stating that he cannot come up, unless this be thought best, nor without money in hand, to defray his expenses. The subject of his letter was deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 16, 1836.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Chairman, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliot, Hanner, and Semple

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Mr. Josiah F. C. Finley, stating that he had been duly advised of the resolution of the Committee appointing him as a missionary to Western Africa; and expressing his regret that it is not in his power, at present, to give his services to the Board.

A letter was also received from Rev. John B. Pinney, informing the Committee that he has been, for some time, acting under a commission of the American Colonization Society, and does not consider it his duty at present, to revisit the Colony of Liberia, but, in compliance with a request of the Committee, dated August 10, briefly expressing his views of the most eligible method of conducting Missions in Africa.

Two letters were received from Rev. John C. Lowrie, dated March 4th and April 6th, giving information of his journey from Lodianna to Calcutta, the privilege he had of meeting the brethren of our last re-inforcement on their safe arrival at Calcutta, and his expectation of returning, without delay, via England, for the U. States.

A joint letter, dated March 21, at Lodianna, was received from Rev. James Wilson and John Newton, communicating agreeable intelligence of our Mission located.

in that city, and the multifarious duties which command the attention and employ the time of the brethren; including the management of a promising school of boys; preaching on the Sabbath to Europeans; study of the Hindustani and Persian languages; preparation to bring the printing press into action; and the building of clay tenements for the accommodation of themselves and those who may succeed them.

Letters were received from Rev. Josiah Brewer and Mr. Thomas Brown, of our Mediterranean Mission, stating that after a passage from New York of 66 days, they safely arrived at Smyrna on the 6th of June; but that the plague was then prevalent in parts of Asia Minor, which had proven fatal to 12,000 persons at Magnesia, and had made its appearance at Smyrna, suspending the schools and checking the printing operations of the Mission; and also, that the authorities of the Greek Church were making a systematic attack upon the schools, books, translations, &c. of the missionaries generally at Syra and in Greece, who were defending themselves by the use of the press.

A communication was received from Mr. Samuel D. Campbell, containing a summary report of his agency of seven months; from which it appears that the whole of his collections have been \$552.40; that he forwarded by Mr. Porter \$225; his salary, at \$40 a month, amounts to \$280, and his expenses have been \$20 - making in all \$525; which, being deducted from his receipts, leave a balance in his hand of \$27.40. He expresses his surprise that the Board have located him at Lexington, Va. but expresses his willingness to labor, as General Agent, for Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and co-operate with the Southern Agent at Columbia, S. C. On motion, the report of Mr. Campbell's agency was accepted and approved.

A letter was received from Rev. J. Kerr containing a report of the receipts and expenditures of the Wea Mission, from February 1 to July 15th, 1836; from which it appears, that, at the date of the last report, the money on hand was \$101.62 - the amount since received was \$436; making \$537.62. The expenditures have been \$428.93; leaving a balance of \$108.69 on hand July 15.

On motion, the report of Mr. Kerr was accepted and approved.

Rev. Timothy Alden, through Mr. Alex. Semple, presented, orally, an application to be appointed as an agent, to solicit funds for the Society in the New England States; which, on motion, was deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded for so far changing a resolution of the Committee, adopted Dec. 1, 1835, that the sum per annum requisite for the support of a heathen youth in any of our mission schools shall be reduced from 25 to 15 dollars. The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion, Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Chronicle be sent gratis, postage excepted, to every person desiring it, who shall contribute per annum \$5 or upwards, to aid the funds of the Society.

A letter was received from Mr. Jesse M. Jamieson, communicating very cheering intelligence of a work of divine grace carried on among the seamen of the ship Charles Wharton, Capt. Dolby, while the second reinforcement of our Mission to India sailed in it on their voyage to Calcutta, by which 14 individuals were hopefully brought to the knowledge of the truth.

A letter was received from Mr. John M. Lowrie, stating that he had left with Albree and Childs a box containing 91 articles of clothing for the Western Mission, forwarded, through him, by the Chartiers Female Missionary Society; and that he had advanced \$20 to purchase the stuff of which they have been made, with the understanding, in an interview with the Secretary, that this sum would be refunded to him by the Society.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay Mr. Lowrie the said sum of \$20.

Adjourned to meet on Friday the 23d inst. at 3 o'clock P.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 23, 1836.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted

with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Halsey, Hannen, Semple, and Thompson.
The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary (Mr. Lowrie) giving an account of a very interesting meeting of the Brethren in Philadelphia, on the 13th inst. when he gave a detail of the plan of the Committee in regard to the reinforcement of our Missions and the establishment of new ones; of which they expressed, by a resolution, their entire approbation. He also, in his letter, suggested the expediency of Mr. Blythe leaving the field assigned him in the South, and occupying one in the west; and stated that Rev. Francis M'Farland will attend the meeting of the Synod of Virginia, and Rev. Dr. Wm. A. M'Dowell, that of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and will probably be able to do more to promote the interests of our Society in those bodies than any agent we could send out at present.

A letter was received from Rev. James Paine, of Fairfield, Va. giving an account of Mr. Blythe's visit to the Presbytery of Lexington, and the forcible manner in which he presented the claims of our Society; and of the action of the Presbytery giving him permission to operate in any of their churches which should invite him. Mr. Paine expresses the opinion that it might be advantageous to our Society if Mr. Lowrie or Mr. Blythe would attend and present the claims of the Society to the Synod of Virginia.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph W. Blythe, dated at Stanton, Va. on the 13th inst. acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's Letter in which he was informed of the action of the Committee in changing the field of his agency from the South to the West, and affirming this course to be in accordance with his views of prudence and economy; briefly reporting his agency in a few churches in Virginia which were disposed to act with us; and expressing his desire to hear again from the Committee at Lawrenceville, N.J. And, on motion, it was resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. Blythe informing him that the Committee desire to have an interview with him when on his way to the West, for the purpose of conferring with him in reference

to the extension of the field of his agency to the States of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and in relation to the salary which he is to receive.

A communication was received from Messrs. Mat. Laird, James Finney, and James Miller, Executors of the estate of Andrew M'Clanahan, Esq. late of White Deer Township, Union Co., Pa. dec. stating that after certain legacies had been made in the will of the said M'Clanahan, he bequeathed one third of the residue of his estate to the Western Foreign Missionary Society, one third to the General Assembly's Board of Education, and one third to American Board of Foreign Missions; amounting, on the whole, probably to from seven to eight thousand dollars; but it is doubtful whether the whole can be secured; and stating that the widow of the deceased considers herself justly entitled to \$200 additional to her legacy, according to a provision of a previous will, which sum, if allowed, would come out of the legacies bequeathed to the benevolent societies. The Executors desire to know whether the Committee are willing to allow her what she claims; and they ask information of the mode of making remittance to our Treasurer when the money shall be available.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to write to the said Executors informing them that the Executive Committee are grateful for the legacy referred to, as the means sustaining foreign missions; that they relinquish their claim to one third of the \$200 claimed by the widow of the deceased, and that the monies designed for our Society may be deposited in some solvent bank convenient to the Executors - that a certificate of the same be obtained and forwarded to our Treasurer, Mr. Samuel Thompson, No. 110, Market St. Pittsburgh, who will draw on the bank.

A letter was received from Rev. Henry R. Wilson, containing some report of his agency in parts of Pennsylvania and N. Jersey; stating that he had, in general, been very favorably received in the churches which he visited; that a considerable change in favor of our Board has occurred in the Princeton Theological Seminary - that many of the students are disposed to become missionaries; one of whom is noticed as possessing eminent qualifications for the work of the Lord among the heathen.

A letter was received from Miss Sarah P. Cross, Treasurer of the Missionary Sewing Society in Baltimore, stating that, according to the recommendation of Rev. Drs. John Breckinridge, and S. Miller, their Board have taken up and pledge themselves to support Rev. Henry R. Wilson, as a missionary in some foreign land; and requesting that Mr. Wilson may be informed of this their resolution, and that the Society would be pleased to have more intimate acquaintance with him.

On motion, Resolved, That Rev. Henry R. Wilson be considered and recognized as the missionary under our care to be sustained in the foreign field by said Society according to the pledge of their Board; and that the Assistant Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Wilson of these proceedings, and suggest to him the propriety of visiting the church or churches with which the members of this Auxiliary Society are connected; and that the Clerk also apprise the Society of the resolution of the Committee upon this subject.

Letters were received from Rev. John C. Lowrie and Rev. John Newton; the former written at Calcutta; the latter at Lodiana; communicating information of the plans of the Mission to Northern India which have been adopted by the brethren; of the financial concerns of the mission; of the fields in India which might be occupied by missionaries, with prospects of usefulness, &c.--which were read as far as time would permit.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Swift be requested to read the communications of our missionaries to India, as far as they relate to the financial concerns of the mission - endeavor to ascertain exactly the present state of the funds, and the sum that will be requisite to meet the necessities of the mission and the claims of those generous individuals who have granted them loans; that he prepare a minute upon this subject, and report as soon as practicable to the Committee.

Mr. Patterson presented a bill of Hogan & Co. for binding copies of the Memoir of Mrs. Lowrie, charge to the Hon. Edgar C. Wilson, of Morgantown, Va. amounting to \$39.21; and, on motion, it was resolved that this sum be paid from our

Treasury, and charged to Mr. Luke Loomis, who holds the copy-right of the work.

The application of Mr. Alden was taken up, and, after due deliberation, it was resolved, that it is inexpedient for our Society, at present, to send a soliciting agent to New England, where it is believed the Congregational Churches, in general, are actively engaged in supporting foreign missions through the American Board, and when there is a very extensive field of operation within the proper limits of the Presbyterian Church which more especially claims our attention.

Mr. Wm. Allinder's bill for printing 1700 copies of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle for October proximo, was presented, amounting to \$52.97, which, on motion, was ordered to be paid.

Adjourned to meet on the 26th inst. at nine o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 26, 1836.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Hannen, Semple, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Letters having been received from Rev. James Little, late Secretary, and Rev. John Forsyth, present Secretary, of the Committee on Foreign Missions appointed by the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, expressing the opinion that the relation of Rev. James M'Ewen to said churches is not acknowledged as it ought to be by the Western Foreign Missionary Society - that the missionary who belongs to their church, and is supported by it, should be distinctly recognized as theirs; and the Committee also desire to know what relation the Associate Reformed Church sustains at present to the W. F. Missionary Society.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Swift be requested to prepare such a minute upon this subject as he may think ought to be adopted, accompanied by a letter to

those Brethren, to be read to the Committee at their next meeting.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Swift and Elliot be a committee to review the Constitution of the W. F. Missionary Society - to inquire whether any, and if so, what amendments of it are requisite, in order that those proposed may be laid before the Synod of Pittsburgh, for consideration at their next meeting.

The proposition for reducing the sum required for the support of a heathen youth in any of our mission schools, was taken up, and after some remarks, was postponed for future consideration.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Herron and Elliot be a committee to make arrangements for holding an anniversary of the Society at some time during the sessions of the Synod in Washington, agreeably to a resolution of the Board of Directors passed on the 29th of June last.

The communications of our missionaries to Northern India, recently received, were referred to the Assist. Clerk, to make such extracts for the Foreign Missionary Chronicle as are suitable for publication.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 3, 1836.

Several members of the Committee met, at the call of the Clerk; but not being able to make a quorum, adjourned to meet on Monday the 10th inst. at 9 o'clock, A.M.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 10, 1836.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Hannen, Semple, Thompson, and Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Communications were received from the Cor. Secretary (Mr. Lowrie) giving

some account of his visits to N. York and Princeton, and of the interest felt in those places in the cause of missions, and in the success of our Society; and suggesting some items of business which require the attention of the Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That the action of the Committee on the subjects proposed by the Cor. Secretary be deferred until the next meeting, when it is expected he will be present.

A communication was received from Rev. David D. Field, containing additional testimonials of the Christian character of Mr. Brewer, his qualifications for the work of a missionary, and his past usefulness in that capacity; and also stating that a Miss Selome Danforth and Miss Maria Goodrich, both of Pittsfield, Mass. and well reported of by their pastor and others, will be ready to sail for Sayrna in November next, to be employed as missionary assistants; the former, to be supported by a Society at Pittsfield; the latter, it is expected, by benevolent contributions in Berkshire county, Mass.

A letter was received from Rev. Wm. C. Van Doren, stating that he had determined to travel south in the approaching winter, and would willingly perform an agency for the Society in the interior of Alabama and Louisiana, without remuneration from the Society, except the payment of his travelling expenses. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Van Doren, that the Committee deem it inexpedient, at present, to appoint any agents for the field proposed, in addition to those who have already been appointed by the Board.

On motion, Messrs. Hennen and Thompson were appointed a committee to procure suitable winter clothing for Mr. Bradley.

The janitor's bill for the quarter ending on the 30th ult. was presented (amounting to \$7.50) and ordered to be paid.

Mr. Swift presented a report of the present state of the finances of our mission to Northern India, and of the sum which will be requisite to supply the necessities of that Mission, which was read and accepted.

Mr. Blythe, being present, made a report of his agency in Virginia; and of

the circumstances which convinced him that it was not his duty to proceed further south; expressing the opinion that his services in the West are not needed, and that it would be impracticable for him to occupy the field of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. He stated his willingness to resign the permanent agency to which he had been appointed, unless the Committee could assign him some field in which he could be usefully employed.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Elythe's proposition to resign his permanent agency be accepted; but Messrs. Herron and Patterson be a committee to confer with him upon the subject of his undertaking a temporary agency in the West and South West, to present the claims of our Society to such Synods as he could attend, and such churches as he should be able to visit.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon, of Camden, S. C. suggesting the propriety and importance of sending our Secretary or some other firm and dauntless agent to the southern Synods this fall, as the present is a season in the state of our church which ought to be improved in favor of her institutions.

Mr. Swift reported a letter, addressed to Rev. John Forsyth, respecting the relation of the Associate Reformed Church to the Western Foreign Missionary Society; which was read and approved; and in which it is stated, that there are two forms in which the Synod of said church may co-operate with our Society, either of which is optional with them.

1. To their Presbyteries, as to our own, the constitution extends the offer of becoming constituent parts of the Society itself. Any Presbytery, holding to the Westminster Confession, may, by casting their contributions into our Treasury, and resolving to become a part of the organization, elect one minister and one elder, as members of the Board; and those so appointed are entitled to all the rights and privileges which belong to Directors chosen by our Presbyteries or Synods; or

2. Their Synods may act with us just on the principles which obtain in the arrangements of the Reformed Dutch Church with the Am. Board; that is, their

Board of Missions may obtain missionaries and transfer them to the Executive Committee, signifying the field to which they desire to send them, collecting and paying, thro' our treasury, the amount allowed for their support, and for other appropriations requisite to the prosecution of the work.

A letter was received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, dated at Independence, Mo. on the 14th ult. stating that Mrs. Kerr had been removed to that place in consequence of fever and ague, and other disease, which had not abated at the date of the letter; also, informing the Committee, that, at a late communion, two additional Heas had been received into the infant church of the mission, and making some suggestions in reference to a mission among the Osages.

Mr. Anderson, being present, stated, that, without considering himself as having entered upon his agency, he had gone to Louisville, Ky.- had attended the autumnal meeting of the Presbytery of Louisville, and conferred with many of its members, and with Rev. John C. Young, of the Presbytery of Transylvania; and found the Brethren in general cordially disposed to co-operate with our Society; that the same disposition was manifested by brethren at South Hanover and Cincinnati, Ohio; and, on the whole, the prospects of our Society appeared very favorable in the places which he visited.

A letter was received from Mr. Elam W. Harris, of Cape Guardieu Co. Missouri, Treasurer of a Society recently organized, entitled the Apple Creek Missionary Society, Aux. to the W. F. Mission. Society, requesting instructions as to the mode of making remittances, and the kind of money that will be received; and forwarding the names of several subscribers to the Foreign Missionary Chronicle. On motion, the Assist. Clerk was instructed to communicate to Mr. Harris the information which he desires.

Mr. Patterson presented the account of Luke Loomis with the W.F.M. Society; from which it appears that he stands Dr. to \$152.24, for advances of E. C. Wilson, Esq. towards publishing the Memoir of Mrs. Lowrie, and \$39.21 to D. M. Hogan and Co. for binding- making \$191.45; and that he stands Cr. by order on Mr. Wilson, \$43.45, and by three notes to the Society, bearing date July 7, 1836; one at 8 mos. \$50; one at 14 mos. \$49; and one at 20 mos. \$49 - making \$191.45, and so balancing the account. Mr. Patterson also presented the notes of Mr. Loomis mentioned in the account.

On motion, Resolved, That the account of Mr. Loomis be accepted - that his notes be deposited with our Treasurer, to receive the payments as the notes become due, and that an order be issued on the Treasurer in favor of E. C. Wilson, Esq. for \$112. in repayment of the money he advanced for printing the said Memoir.

A letter was received from Rev. Hugh Parks, of the Associate Reformed Church, dated at St. Clairsville, O. requesting information of the number of missionaries sustained by the American Churches; the number of the British Churches, and the whole number employed in the field of the world.

Adjourned to meet on Monday the 17th inst. at nine o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 17, 1836.

The Ex. Committee met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Patterson, Baird, Lowrie, Hannen, Semple and Thompson.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Baird was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Blythe on the subject of his agency reported that Mr. Blythe declines the agency in the West to which he was appointed; but he appears to be willing to act for the Society in some field in the east, if this be deemed expedient.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Glythe be appointed as an agent of the Society for six months, and that his field be designated by the Cor. Secretary.

The Cor. Secretary reported that he had attended to the business assigned to him in reference to the agency of Mr. Newell - had seen and conferred with him, and afterward addressed a letter to him on the subject; a copy of which he read to the Committee, with the answer of Mr. Newell, requesting that the Committee will either give him a commission or release him from the field. The Secretary also read a reply to Mr. Newell's letter.

After considering the subject, it was Resolved that a commission for an agency of three months be given to Mr. Newell, and that his field be designated by the Cor. Secretary.

A letter was received from Rev. H. R. Wilson, stating that he had visited some of the churches of New Castle Presbytery - that resolutions have been passed by that body in favor of our Board - that the Presbytery of Carlisle, at a late meeting in Hagerstown, resolved to become auxiliary to our Society, and appointed Rev. D. M'Kinley, J. Williamson, and C.P. Cummins, as a committee to carry their views, in reference to this subject, into effect; and he expects this Presbytery will raise \$2000 for our Board.

Resolved to have a recess till two o'clock.

After the recess the Committee convened.

Present as above, with the addition of the Chairman, Dr. Herron.

A letter from Rev. A. D. Pollock to the Cor. Secretary was presented and read; expressing sentiments favorable to our Society; requesting particular information respecting its organization, and stating it as his opinion that our Society ought to act in harmony and friendship with the American Board, but not in subordination to that Board. The Cor. Secretary read a letter written in answer to that of Mr. Pollock, exhibiting the principles on which our Society is organized, and stating that it is now, as it ever has been, the purpose of the

W.F.M.Society to sustain no other than friendly relations towards other missionary institutions.

A letter from Miss Mary C. Venable to the Cor. Secretary was presented and read; in which the writer requests information as to the mode of making remittances to our Treasury, and requesting advice as to the best means of preparing two nephews, now in a course of education, for usefulness as missionaries or teachers among the Heathen. Mr. Lowrie stated that he had answered this letter.

A letter was received from Rev. George C. Hyde, expressing his desire to be taken under the care of our Society, as a missionary to the heathen. It was accompanied by a certificate in his favor from the Maine Missionary Society, in whose employ he is now laboring. The Cor. Secretary read a letter to Mr. Hyde, apprising him of the necessity of further testimonials of his Christian character and qualifications for the Foreign Missionary Service; which was approved by the Committee.

The Cor. Secretary presented a statement of the funds that will be required for the support of our missions for this year, and for the outfit of the missionaries who are to be sent out to the fields of their destination; which showed the necessity of a large remittance to India.

He also presented a statement of the amount of the contributions made, during the last year, by the several Presbyteries belonging to the Synod of Pittsburgh.

On motion resolved, 1. That the Foreign Missionary Chronicle be hereafter printed on paper of a quality superior to that which has been used in time past. 2. That agents for the Chronicle be allowed for their agency the same percentage that is allowed by the American Board to agents for the Missionary Herald. 3. That Mr. Patterson be requested and authorized to forward in the stage monthly packets of the Chronicle to agents for the work in Philadelphia, New York, and Princeton, for the supply of persons entitled to copies in those

places, without charge for transmission to those who receive them. 4. That the Cor. Secretary be authorized to prepare and publish quarterly papers on missions or subjects connected with them, to be attached quarterly to the copies of the Chronicle, and to be distributed separately, as the means of exciting and increasing a missionary spirit; and that those papers may contain engravings of interesting objects.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half past eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 18, 1856.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Lowrie, Hannen, Semple, and Thompson.

The following resolution was introduced, considered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary be authorized to order a set of matrices from Paris for a complete set of Chinese movable metal type, payable during the course of the year.

On motion, Resolved, That all letters, pamphlets, and papers addressed to the Society be placed in the missionary rooms under the care of the Assistant Clerk, and not to be taken from the rooms without the order of the Committee.

A communication was received from Mr. Orson Douglass, General Agent and Cor. Secretary of the Young Men's Colonization Society, stating that there is a colored man, pious and trust-worthy, named Ephraim Tytler, now in La Fayette College, under the care of Rev. Dr. Junkin, preparing for the ministry, who contemplates going to Africa; and recommending that this man should be taken under the care of our Society, and sent out to commence a mission at Bassa Cove.

On motion, the subject of this letter was referred to the Cor. Secretary, to correspond with Mr. Douglass in relation to the object proposed.

Agreed to have a recess until six o'clock this evening.

The Committee convened after the recess.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Lowrie, Semple, Thompson, and Wilson.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Swift prepare a Circular letter, to be addressed to the Synods of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, in which the claims of the W.F.M.Society shall be presented in a respectful manner to those bodies.

The Cor. Secretary proposed the following amendments to the Constitution of the Society:

To amend the 3d article so as to read,

Article 3. The centre of its operations shall be the city of Pittsburgh, at least until such times as the Board of Directors shall judge that the interests of the cause require a change of location; in which event, the Board of Directors shall have power to designate any other place for the centre of its operations; and, in the event of such a change, then the special provisions of a Synodical supervision, mentioned in this Constitution shall be exercised by the Synod of Pittsburgh, and any other Synod or Synods that may have heretofore, or may hereafter, become formally united with the Synod of Pittsburgh. And, in the said event of a change of location, the representation in the Board of Directors on the part of each Synod shall be the following: Each Synod shall annually appoint three ministers and three elders, who shall be members of the Board of Directors.

To amend the 4th Article, so as to read; The election of ministers and elders on the part of the Presbyteries shall be made annual- each minister and elder elected to serve for one year only.

After serious consideration, the Executive Committee agreed to the preceding proposed amendments. Mr. Lowrie was, on motion, added to the committee.

previously appointed upon the subject of amending the Constitution; and this committee was instructed to bring these proposed amendments and others which they may deem requisite, before the Synod of Pittsburgh for their consideration at their approaching sessions in Washington.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 3, 1836.

The Synod of Pittsburgh having re-elected Rev. Dr. F. Herron, a member of the Board of Directors, and having so altered the Constitution as to provide for the appointment of an additional Cor. Secretary, and the Board having chosen Rev. E. P. Swift to that office, these members appeared, and Dr. Herron was re-appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee. Rev. Dr. D. Elliot having been elected by the Synod a member of the Board, in the place of Rev. L. Halsey; Rev. J. W. Nevin, in the place of Rev. J. W. Blythe; and Messrs. Alex. Laughlin and Walter H. Lowrie, in the places of Messrs. Bailey and Wilson; and the Board having elected these Brethren members of the Ex. Committee, they accordingly appeared, except Dr. Elliot, and Messrs. John Hannen and Samuel Thompson being present, the Committee was constituted with prayer.

Two letters were received from Rev. Joseph Kerr, informing the Committee of the severe and protracted illness of Mrs. Kerr at Independence, the advice of her physicians that she return, as soon as practicable, to Pittsburgh, and remain for a season, with the view of recruiting her health; stating that the missionary committee of the Methodist Conference have declined the purchase of our property at the Wean Station according to our proposal and requesting that Mr. Bradley, in the capacity of a teacher, or some other suitable person, be sent out as speedily as possible, to sustain our mission at that place.

On motion, Resolved, That Mrs. Kerr be permitted to return to this place

as soon as she shall have sufficient strength, and that Messrs. Swift and Hannen be a committee, to confer with Mr. Bradley upon the subject of his speedy return to said station, and, if he find it practicable to go, to make preparation for his departure. But if not, that Mr. Kerr be instructed to engage the interpreter's family, of whom he wrote, to reside with him at the station during the winter.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, stating that the Synod of Philadelphia has become the auxiliary to our Society, and agreed to raise at least \$30,000. of which more than \$20,000 has been already pledged - that he had conversed with Mr. Orson Douglass, and Mr. Ephraim Tytler, the colored man of whom he wrote to the Committee, who desires the letter of Mr. Douglass in reference to him to be considered as his application to be taken under the care of our Board. The usual rule being suspended in this case, the committee resolved to receive Mr. Tytler, on the application of Mr. Douglass in his name and the recommendation of the Cor. Secretary, as a missionary among the natives of Africa.

A communication was received from Mr. Joseph Caldwell, a licentiate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church applying to be taken under the care of the Society, as a missionary to the heathen, and expressing his desire, if the Committee deem it advisable, that India may be designated as the field of his labors.

An application was received, through Dr. Elliot, from Mr. John M'Clintock, a graduate of Washington College, to be taken under the care of the Society, and employed in the foreign missionary service as soon as practicable, at some station where he may pursue his studies, while he prosecutes the work more especially contemplated; his wife according with him in views and sentiments on this subject.

A letter was received from Mr. R. W. Orr, a student of the Western Theological Seminary, offering himself to the Society, as a missionary, to be employed in preaching the Gospel to the heathen, and in study, translation, &c. should his health permit; but desiring, if he be received, that the place of his destination may not yet be determined.

These applications, on motion, were severally laid on the table for consideration at the next meeting.

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee will, as soon as possible, send out another re-inforcement of our mission to India.

A letter was received from Messrs. Howing and Perkins, ship-owners at Boston, in answer to inquiries, stating that the rate of passage to India, for eight persons together, is \$250 each - for a smaller number, \$500 each, and that their ship will sail on the 10th inst.

An account of Mr. Loonis, amounting to \$4.50, for articles purchased by Mr. Alex. Sample, for the use of Miss Douglass, was presented and ordered to be paid.

The account of Mr. William Allinder for printing the For. Mission Chronicle for November, amounting to \$56.75, for 1300 copies, was presented, and, on motion, the Secretary, Mr. Swift, was instructed to issue an order on the Treasurer for the payment of this sum.

A letter was received from Rev. James Coe, forwarding to our Treasury \$150. in addition to his collections previously reported; stating that he is willing to perform the duties of an agent for a few months, until another can be obtained, provided that in the meantime his pulpit can be supplied; but as his congregation is opposed to the dissolution of his pastoral relation to them, he considers it not his duty to undertake a permanent agency.

A letter was also received from Rev. Hugh S. Fullerton of Chillicothe, Ohio, expressing his willingness to perform an agency for the Society.

On motion, the Secretary, Mr. Swift, was instructed to write to Rev. Dr. J. Hoge, requesting information respecting the qualifications of Mr. F. for the work in which he proposes to engage.

A communication was received from Rev. Benj. F. Spilman, containing a report of his agency of three months in Illinois, ending on the 10th ult. stating that he has organized seventeen auxiliary Societies - has collected in all \$84.35,

obtained subscriptions for a larger amount, and that his traveling expenses have been \$15.

A letter was received from Rev. Saml. S. Davis, declining the appointment of General Agent for the South, on account of impaired health and previous obligation to the General Assembly's Board of Education; and recommending Rev. S. R. Talmadge as a man well qualified to perform such an agency.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Talmadge be appointed as our General Agent for the South, and that the Secretary, Mr. Swift, forward to him a commission with the usual instructions.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday, the 10th inst. at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, November 10, 1856.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Baird presented an account with the Society, which was referred to the auditing committee for consideration and settlement.

Mr. Swift, chairman of the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Bradley on the subject of his speedy return to our mission station among the Weas, &c. reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them - that Mr. Bradley finds it impracticable to go out at present, and that they have advised Mr. Kerr to sustain the mission by the best expedients in his power until assistants can be sent out.

The committee proceeded to consider the missionary applications presented at the last meeting, and, on motion, Resolved, that Messrs. Joseph Caldwell, John M'Clintock, and H. W. Orr, be received as missionaries of the Society.

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee dispense with any inquiry as to qualifications of Mr. Fullerton for an agency, and that Mr. M'Donald be an

assistant to Mr. Coe so far as to supply his pulpit during his absence on the business of his agency, and to alleviate the labor of Mr. Coe occasionally when it appears necessary by visiting churches in his stead; it being understood that the salary for the agency be the same that has been allowed to Mr. Coe in time past.

Communications, dated Nov. 1, were received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, stating that the action of the Synod of Philadelphia on the subject of foreign missions was very important and favorable to our Society - that Dr. Enos P. Hitchcock, who sustains an excellent character, and possesses high missionary qualifications, desires to be received by our Society, and connected with our contemplated mission to China - which the Secretary recommends - that Mr. Blythe has retired from our service as an agent with cordiality of feelings - that the agency of Mr. Henry R. Wilson is every where approved and highly useful; but that the agency of Mr. Newell is very unacceptable to the pastors and churches in the field assigned him; and, on this account, the Secretary, under full conviction of duty has suspended his agency until the Committee shall act upon the subject - that Mr. Tytler will leave immediately for his missionary field in Africa - and that a ship will sail from Boston for India in December, but further particulars are not known.

On motion, Resolved, That the proceedings of the Cor. Secretary in relation to the agency of Mr. Newell be approved and that this Committee deem it inexpedient to continue Mr. Newell any longer in their service; and that the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, inform him of this resolution.

The application of Dr. Hitchcock was laid on the table for future consideration.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday the 17th inst. at 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 17, 1836.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Elliot, Swift, Thompson, Laughlin, and W. H. Lowrie.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A written application was received from Dr. Enos P. Hitchcock, to be received as a missionary to the heathen, expressing the consecration of himself to that work, and communicating some information of his English classical and medical education.

The application was accompanied by a letter from Rev. Alexander Heberton; stating that Dr. Hitchcock is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and recommending him to the Committee as a devoted servant of God, deeply interested in the cause of foreign missions, and as skillful and successful in the practice of medicine.

On motion, Resolved, That Dr. Hitchcock be received as a missionary under the care of this Society.

A letter was received from Mr. James Adair, recommending Mr. Wm.S. Porter as a suitable person to be employed as a missionary assistant, stating that he possesses health and an intelligent mind - is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and sustains a good moral character - has some knowledge of the Latin language and some of the sciences, and has for several years been successfully employed as a school-teacher.

Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, write to Mr. Porter, or Mr. Adair, giving the information that a rule of the Committee requires a communication in writing from those who apply for appointments as missionaries, or assistants in the work of missions.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary (Mr. Lowrie) accompanying one from Mr. Newell which contains a report of his receipt and expenses when on his

agency, and in which he asks a draft for the amount of salary which he considers yet due him.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Lowrie, the Cor. Secretary, and Mr. Thompson, the Treasurer, be a committee to examine the account of Mr. Newell, and report the result of their inquiries, and the course which they may deem it advisable for the Ex. Committee to pursue in this case.

A letter was received from Mr. Blythe, containing an account of his receipts and expenses while he held a commission from the Board as their agent. And, on motion, Resolved, That the account be accepted and settled.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary (Mr. Lowrie) respecting the support of missionaries under our care, who belong to the Associate Reformed and the Reformed Presbyterian Churches; expressing the opinion that the destination of Rev. Henry R. Wilson should be Northern India; but recommending that he and others destined for India should remain in this country during the winter.

On motion, Resolved, That the next re-inforcement of our mission to India (Providence favoring) will be sent out early next spring.

A letter was also received from the Cor. Secretary, (Mr. Lowrie) with a copy of the Constitution of the Society, as amended by the Synod of Pittsburgh; submitting it to the inspection of the Committee, and advising its publication in the Foreign Missionary Chronicle.

Another letter was received from Mr. Lowrie, enclosing an address delivered by Mr. J. U. Morrison, of the Theological Seminary at Princeton; suggesting that it might be suitable for publication in the F. M. Chronicle.

On motion, the address was referred to the Cor. Secretary (Mr. Swift) to read and judge of the expediency of publishing it in whole or part.

A letter was received from Rev. Jacob Green, chairman of a committee of the Presbytery of Bedford, N. Y. stating that said Presbytery have resolved to endeavor to support one missionary under the care of our Society, and requesting

that a suitable man may be procured and sent to them for this purpose; that he may visit and become acquainted with their churches, and they with him.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. K. W. Orr be assigned to the Presbytery of Bedford, as a missionary to be supported by their contributions and that he visit their churches, according to their request.

On motion, Resolved, That \$30 be appropriated for the support of Mr. Bradley during the winter.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Cor. Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 5, 1836.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Elliot, Swift, Hannen, Seiple, Thompson, and Laughlin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, recommending that Rev. David M'Kinney, of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, now on his way to the South-west on account of his health, be commissioned to act in behalf of the Society in raising funds, as he may have opportunity in the churches in that section of the country which he proposes to visit. Rev. Samuel Wilson, also of said Presbytery, accompanying Mr. M'Kinney, the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, moved that he also receive an appointment to a similar agency; and, after some consideration of the subject, and following minute and resolutions were adopted; viz.

Whereas, Rev. David M'Kinney and Samuel Wilson are expected to spend the winter in the South-west for purposes of health, and have signified a willingness to appropriate a portion of their time to the performances of such services in behalf of the Society in that region as may be needful and practicable; and whereas

this Committee desire to avail themselves of said services, therefore, Resolved, That the said Brethren be, and they are hereby authorized and appointed to solicit and collect funds in behalf of the Western Foreign Missionary Society in such places as may be designated by the General Agent of the Board in the west, or by its Board of Agency and Correspondence at Louisville, Kentucky; and, with this view, they are hereby commended to the aid and cooperation of all the friends of the Society in that portion of the church which they purpose to visit.

Resolved, That during the time in which they shall be actually engaged in the service, they be allowed the remuneration of \$40 a month.

Messrs. M'Kinney and Wilson having entered the mission room, were introduced to the members of the Committee. Mr. Wilson stated that it is the desire and earnest request of the Presbytery of Huntingdon that the Committee would assign to them a missionary, to be sustained by their contributions; and that the missionary designated should be instructed to visit and become acquainted with their churches.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, and Dr. Elliot be a committee to confer with Mr. M'Combs; and if nothing appear to render it inexpedient, they assign Mr. M'Combs to that Presbytery as their missionary, to be sustained by their funds; and that they report to the Ex. Committee.

The Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, reported, that, agreeably to the instructions of the Committee, he had addressed a letter to Mr. Porter, informing him of the rule which requires a written application from persons who offer themselves to the Society to be received as missionaries or assistants in missions to the heathen.

Mr. Thompson, one of the committee appointed on the subject of Mr. Newell's account for agency, stated, That he had transmitted to the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, all the information he could obtain relating to this case, but had not yet received from him any communication in reference to it.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, suggesting several things in relation to our missions to Northern India and Smyrna, which require attention; stating that Dr. Hitchcock is now at the Union Theological

Seminary in Virginia, where he will probably continue sometime, if he can get into business as a dentist; and mentioning the receipt of a letter from Mr. John C. Lowrie, our missionary, dated at London, Oct. 5, who expected to sail for the U. States about the 15th of that month.

A letter was received from Andrew S. Hughes, Esq. Indian Agent, informing the Committee that ample arrangements have been recently made for the support of schools among the Iowas next spring, when the tribe will be permanently located; also recommending to the kind consideration of the Board Miss Nancy Henderson, as having distinguished herself for zeal and activity in the duties which devolved on her.

On motion, it was resolved, that the thanks of this Committee be tendered to Captain Packard, Commander of the Marion Packet, for his generosity manifested in granting a gratuitous passage in his boat from St. Louis to this city to Mrs. Kerr and Miss Henderson, with Rev. John Fleming, missionary of the American Board, who accompanied them on the passage.

A letter was received from Mr. Aurey Ballard, containing an account of the expenses of the mission to the Iowas from June 20th to October 7th, 1836, amounting to \$150.80; which was approved; also advising the Committee of evident improvement in the morals of the Indians of that tribe; stating that they will shortly remove to the place of their permanent residence, probably 70 or 80 miles higher up the Missouri; and expressing the willingness of the missionaries to accompany them for their further instruction and benefit.

A letter was received from Mr. Kerr, dated the 12th ult. containing some remarks in reference to the illness of Mrs. Kerr which has rendered it necessary for herte return to this place, and giving some interesting intelligence respecting the serious attention of some of the Weas to the great concern of religion.

The Committee took up the subject of adopting measures to carry out the purpose, of the Synod of Pittsburgh to raise \$15,000. for the support of missions

under the direction of the W. F. Missionary Society; and on motion, Messrs. Swift and Elliot were appointed a committee to prepare and forward a circular letter to the members of the several Presbyteries which compose said Synod, earnestly requesting that particular attention may be paid to this important object on the first Monday of January proximo, being the day of general concert of prayer for the conversion of the world, or on the Sabbath next following; by taking up collections and subscriptions in all their churches.

A copy of the Instructions, which were addressed to Mr. Tytler (or Titler) our missionary, who recently sailed from New York for Bassa Cove, in Western Africa, was received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, containing directions as to the general conduct of the missionary, the adjustment of the secular concerns of our Mission to Africa, the place of his destination at Bolbee selected by Mr. Pinney, and the business to which he is called, of preaching the Gospel, learning the language of the natives, teaching their children the English language, and endeavoring in all his intercourse to convince them that he came to do them good.

A communication was received from Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, Stated Clerk of the Synod of Virginia, acknowledging the receipt of our Secretary's letter proposing to that body cooperation with the Western Foreign Missionary, but stating that the Synod unanimously voted that to the proposal they cannot accede, for several reasons assigned.

A letter was received from Rev. H. A. Riley, of New York, stating that Mr. Rogers, a member of the last reinforcement of our mission to India, requests, in a letter to him, that \$100 of his salary may be laid out on books for his use in India, and that the books may be forwarded by our next reinforcement.

A letter was received from Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins, of Macon, Ga. enclosing \$10 towards the support of a little girl, to be selected by her daughter Mrs. Wilson, in N. India, to be named Elizabeth Edwards; and expressing much gratitude to God for

sparing the lives of our missionaries, and conducting them safely to the place of their destination.

The Assistant Clerk presented the bill of Mr. Allinder for printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle for the present month, with the index and title page for the fourth volume, amounting to \$76.76 $\frac{1}{2}$; which, on motion, was ordered to be paid.

The Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, reported that he had read the address of Mr. Morrison on the subject of missions, and considers it worthy of publication.

A letter was received from Nathaniel Ewing, Esq. of Uniontown, Pa. requesting information of the amount of moneys contributed last year by the Presbytery of Red Stone, to aid the funds of the W.F.M.Society; and, on motion, the subject of his inquiry was referred to Mr. Thompson and the Assistant Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 15, 1836.

The Executive Committee met according to the call of the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, and concluded with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliot, Swift, Nevin, Hannen, Thompson, and Laughlin.

The committee appointed to ascertain the amount of moneys contributed by the Red Stone Presbytery during the last year to the funds of the Society, reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them.

The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Wm. M'Combs upon the subject of his being assigned to the Presbytery of Huntingdon, as their missionary, to be sustained by their funds, reported that they had attended to this duty; but that Mr. M'Combs would prefer being under the patronage of the Presbytery of Washington, of which he is a licentiate.

On motion, Resolved, That the same committee correspond with the Presbytery of Washington upon this subject, and suggest to them the expediency of setting Mr. M^rCombs apart by ordination to the sacred ministry between the 15th and 20th day of January next, previously to his departure for our missionary station at Smyrna.

A communication was received from Rev. John M. Krebs, Cor. Secretary pro tem of the New York Board of Agency, containing a circular to the churches within their bounds, and recommending to this Committee the appointment of several additional brethren as members of said Board; viz. Rev. John Johnson, Rev. Andrew Thompson, Rev. Joseph Campbell, Rev. Jacob R. Castner, Rev. Joseph H. Jones, Rev. D. V. Maclean; with Messrs. John Johnson, Eben Platt, jun. A. J. Halley, Nathaniel Weed, Saml. A. Foote, William Wallace, Saml. Thompson, Sheppard Knapp, J. J. Bryant, John Owen, Van Sinderen, Wm. J. Johnson, M.D. Hon. John Woodward, and John B. Booth.

On motion, Resolved, That this nomination be approved, and that these brethren be recognized as members of the N. Y. Board of Agency.

A letter was received from Rev. Pindar Field, of Oriskany, N. Y. recommending Dr. Hitchcock as a valuable young man; sustaining the character of a man of strict integrity, ardent piety, and respectable talents.

A letter was received from Rev. Jeremiah Chamberlain, D. D. President of Oakland College, Miss. communicating information respecting resolutions passed by the Presbytery of Mississippi, of which he is a member, in favor of our Society - of the zeal and activity of a missionary society formed by the students of said College five or six years since, and now disposed to become auxiliary to the Western Foreign Missionary Society; stating that \$10,000 a year might be raised in the three Presbyteries of the Synod, if suitable exertions were made; and suggesting the necessity of sending speedily into their bounds efficient agents of our Board.

On motion, Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary transmit, with accompanying remarks, the letter of Dr. Chamberlain directly to Mr. Anderson, our General Agent for the West or to the Board of Agency at Louisville, Ky. in order that measures may be taken for the immediate occupation of the important field referred to in said letter.

A communication was received from Mr. Robert Nesbet, of Nashville, Tenn. offering his services, as a missionary printer, to the Society, to be employed at a foreign station; and referring to Rev. Drs. Brown and Edgar, and other persons, for testimony respecting his character and qualifications for the work contemplated.

On motion, the Secretary, Mr. Swift was instructed to make all requisite inquiry in relation to these points, and report to the Committee as soon as it shall be practicable.

A letter was received from Rev. Josiah Brewer, in which he refers to a former communication respecting our Mission to the Mediterranean - the opposition of the Greek Church to Protestant Missions and schools - the necessity of additional helpers in the work, and of funds to sustain the missionaries and enable them to carry on their operations.

On motion, The Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, was instructed to forward a copy of Mr. Brewer's letter to Rev. David D. Field, of Stockbridge, Mass. requesting the Berkshire Board of Agency to collect money for the support of Mr. Brewer, and forward the same to our Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, at New York, that it may be transmitted to Smyrna by the reinforcement of our mission to sail for that port as soon as arrangements can be made; and that the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, send also a copy of the resolution of this Committee appropriating \$400 for the support of a school at Magnesia under the care of Mr. Brewer.

(See Minutes page 388).

Mr. Baird presented his account for printing resolutions of the Committee and postage amounting to \$11.14; which, on motion, was ordered to be paid.

A letter was received from Dr. Hitchcock, acknowledging the receipt of a letter by which he was informed of his acceptance by the Committee, and expressing his views of the best mode of occupying his time during the winter.

A letter was received from Rev. James R. Campbell, one of our missionaries in India, dated at Calcutta, June 27, 1836, giving information of the work of grace which obtained among the seamen on board the Charles Wharton, the subsequent labors of the missionaries for their benefit - the sickness and recovery of some of the brethren and sisters of the mission - their preparation for the passage to Lodiana - the improvements made at that place by our brethren there, and numerous calls for missionary labor in various parts of India; also, apprising the Committee of the diminution of the funds put into their hands, and the consequent necessity of speedy resitances of money for their support; and recommending that Foster & Co. be appointed as the depositaries of our funds at Calcutta.

A communication was received from Rev. Wm. C. Anderson, our Gen. Agent in the West, reporting the collection of \$752 in Tennessee and Alabama.

A letter was received from Rev. James Coe, stating that he is preparing to enter on his agency, on the arrival of Mr. M'Donald, to supply his pulpit; and making a statement of some collections which he had made for our Society, amounting to \$33.65, inclusive of \$2 for the F. Missionary Chronicle.

A letter was received from Mr. Geo. Wilson, Cor. Secretary of the Society of Inquiry of Missions in Franklin College, Ohio, requesting that the Chronicle may be sent to them gratis, and desiring information of books on the subject of missions and the condition of the heathen. The request as to the Chronicle was granted, and that relating to books referred to the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, respecting the disposition of letters addressed to him and received during his absence.

A communication was received from Rev. Jacob Wolff, offering his services

as a missionary, or an agent of the Society. And, on motion, the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, was instructed to make the requisite inquiry respecting the qualifications of Mr. Wolff for the services proposed and make report.

A letter was received from the Rev. James W. McKeanan, giving an account of a growing spirit of missions in his church at Indianapolis, the formation of a missionary Sewing Circle, and their zealous exertions to raise funds for the support of Mr. Brown and wife at Smyrna, and requesting information of the amount that is requisite for this purpose. And the Cor. Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. McKeanan that the sum necessary will not be less than \$700.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman; and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, January 3, 1837

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Secretary, Mr. Swift, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliot, Swift, Nevin, Hammen, Semple, Thompson, and Laughlin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Matthew Brown, stating that Mr. Robert Nesbit, some years since, was a student of Jefferson College - that his moral character and religious standing were good - that his talents are probably a little above mediocrity - that he is prudent, possesses good common sense, and considerable enterprise in managing temporal matters - that he is hopefully pious; and, on the whole, the writer recommends him to the Committee.

A letter was received from Rev. John C. Lowrie, communicating the intelligence of his arrival at New York, in the evening of the 28th ult. in tolerable health, after a severe voyage from England; and expressing his obligations of gratitude to God for his goodness and mercy in bringing him in the path of duty, to the

land where his brethren and kindred dwell, and where he hopes again to hold communion with them.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. D. M'Conaughy respecting the ordination, &c. of Mr. Wm. M'Combs. And, on motion, it was resolved, That the presbytery of Washington be requested to attend to the ordination of Mr. M'Combs on Wednesday the 25th inst. and that Messrs. E. P. Swift, Cor. Secretary, D. Elliot, J.W.Nevin, and Senl. Thompson, be a committee, to meet with said Presbytery at that time, in the borough of Washington, for the purpose of organizing the mission destined for Snyrna; and that the Cor. Secretary deliver to them the Instructions of the Executive Committee.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Matthew Brown, stating that Mr. Robert W. Orr, of Armstrong County, Pa. took a thorough course of study in Jefferson College - occupied a very high standing in talents and acquirements - received the first honor in his class; that, in regard to piety, he seems to combine zeal and ardor with solid principle and steady perseverance, and possesses peculiar qualifications for the missionary life.

On motion, Resolved, That the Editor of the Pittsburgh Christian Herald be requested to re-publish the following resolution of the Committee in relation to the collection of funds for the Society which may have been taken up in the churches within the bounds of the Synod of Pittsburgh at the beginning of the year; viz.

"Resolved, That pastors and sessions be particularly requested to forward, as soon after the time specified as may be practicable, a return of what has been done in their respective congregations, to redeem the pledge of the Synod to the said Society."

Several communications, of different dates, were received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie.

In his first letter, dated Dec. 15, he briefly notices some books and curiosities forwarded by our missionaries from India in the Charles Wharton, and

requests information on several important points, chiefly in reference to financial concerns.

In his second letter, dated at N. York, Dec, 16, he suggests the propriety of publishing a statement of facts in relation to the application of Mr. Brewer to be received as a missionary under the care of our Society, and the course pursued by the Committee in his reception, to counteract the influence of those who have taken pains to misrepresent the transaction, and to give satisfaction to our friends respecting it.

His third letter, dated at N. York, Dec. 21, mentions the comfortable accommodation of his family at the Atlantic Hotel at the foot of Broad-Way; a meeting of the N. York Committee of Missions, and the appointment of a public missionary meeting on the 11th inst. and his purpose to visit Baltimore in the interim on the business of his agency.

His fourth letter, dated at Baltimore, Dec. 24, gives an account of his visit to that city, and the arrival of Mr. H. R. Wilson to aid him in his work; but states that they failed to have an expected meeting in the First Church through a misunderstanding of the appointment on the part of the pastor, and that in consequence, little could then be effected to promote the object which they had in view.

A letter was received from Rev. John Fleming, stating that Rev. Saml. Wilson, in a letter, had suggested to him the expediency of offering himself, as a missionary, to our Society, and of receiving his support from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, of which he is a member; but informing the Committee that he cannot accede to the proposition, because he is pledged to return to his station among the Indians under the care of the American Board, as soon as existing obstacles shall be removed.

A letter was received from Mr. Newell, requesting a communication from the Committee, and the payment of the amount which he supposes yet due to him for agency. On motion, Resolved that the letter of Mr. Newell be transmitted to the

Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, to whom the subject has been already referred.

The bill of Mr. James Wright for services as janitor during the quarter ending on the 31st ult. amounting to \$7.50, was presented and ready; and, on motion, ordered to be paid.

On motion, Messrs. Hannen and Semple were appointed a committee to consider and report respecting the appropriation which will be requisite to meet the expenses incurred for the board, clothing, &c. of Miss Douglass since she was taken under our care, and for the supply of her present necessities.

On motion, the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, was instructed to prepare a minute and resolutions respecting the course which the Society ought to adopt in reference to the support of missionaries of other denominations who may be disposed to co-operate with us in sending the Gospel to the Heathen, and report as soon as practicable.

In view of the enhanced price of almost every article of sunsumption, on motion, it was resolved, that the compensation of the Assistant Clerk, Mr. Andrews, be raised to \$500 a year, and that this resolution have effect from the first of July last.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 10th inst. at 9 o'clock, A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 10, 1837.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliot, Swift, Nevin, Semple, Thompson, Laughlin, and Walter H. Lowrie.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Thompson presented bills of clothing for Mr. Bradley, amounting to \$69.86, which sum was ordered to be paid.

A letter was received from Mr. John M'Clintock, in relation to the outfit of himself and wife, and the provision of books necessary for the prosecution of his theological studies at Smyrna.

A letter was received from Rev. S. R. Talmadge, of Augusta, Ga. declining the agency to which he was appointed, on account of his being employed as an agent for the Presbyterian College for the South.

A letter was received from Mr. Joseph Whetham respecting the transmission of packets of the Chronicle to Philadelphia.

The Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, who was appointed to prepare a minute respecting the connection of other denominations with Presbyterians in the W. F. M. Society, and the means of supporting their missionaries, presented a report, which was read, and, after some discussion, was re-committed, and Messrs. Elliot and Revin were added to the committee. The report, as presented, is as follows; viz.

"The Cor. Secretary, who was appointed at the last meeting of the Committee to make a statement in reference to missionaries connected with other branches of the Church, begs leave to report as follows:

The Committee adopted, in their negotiations with the Mercer County Foreign Missionary Auxiliary, the principle, that, under certain circumstances, it is proper to assume the direction and control of missionaries; and it was on this ground that Rev. Josiah Brewer, as well as Mr. James R. Campbell, was received. It was on the understanding that qualified missionaries and assistant missionaries, belonging to bodies sound in the faith, might be properly received under the care of this Society without any change in their ecclesiastical relations, that Miss Doal, Messrs. Caldwell and Craig, were taken under its care; and, that, in accordance with the views of the Committee, that Mr. M'Ewen changed his connection and became a member of the Associate Reformed Church.

In cases in which support was pledged by any of these bodies, the same principle was understood to apply as regulates similar transactions in our own

church; viz. That, while these patrons should be urged to a faithful fulfillment of their stipulations, the funds of the Board were considered ultimately responsible for the due maintenance of all who were sent into the foreign field; and it was, also, understood, that, in arranging the location of missionaries, reference should be had to the denominational connections and views of the missionaries sent. The question now is, whether the plan should be so altered as to restrict the Committee to the reception, and the Society to the support of such persons only as are members in communion of the Presbyterian Church. In support of such a change, it may be alledged.

1. That, if this change is not made, persons of different religious opinions may be sent into the field, and their differences of sentiment or practice become the occasion of future trouble.
2. That their theological views and ecclesiastical relations may occasion anxiety, suspicion, and dissatisfaction among the patrons of the Society generally.
3. That, if such persons are received, it will often happen that their outfit and some part of their support will require to be drawn from the funds of the Society; which may be displeasing to some, and which cannot, for such cases, be as easily raised, because, not being members of our church, the same degree of interest cannot exist.
4. The present state of the church is such, that this Board cannot act as "factors" or agents, through whom other bodies can operate, as in case of the American Board, in as much as there can be no such distinction well and happily established with us.

In opposition to such a change, it may be said -

1. That, in the present state of the foreign field, and the dearth of missionaries, we should accept and appoint all well-qualified persons who are found to be sound in the faith, even though ecclesiastically they do not belong to our body.
2. In this way we may aid and encourage some of the smaller Presbyterian

denominations to afford what help they can, both in men and money, for the great enterprise of the conversion of the world.

3. That the Committee are firm, and united, and uniform in their principles and policy, and take pains to explain its reasons and utility, and to guard the missionaries against these liabilities, that the evils above specified, both at home and abroad, may be averted.

4. The policy of confining the operations of the Society exclusively to Presbyterians, or those of our own body, gives to the system itself an exclusiveness which seems undesirable, if it can be avoided.

The views of your Committee have heretofore been entirely in favor of the present system, provided it can be happily sustained. But a doubt has arisen whether a difference of opinion among the friends of the Society may not render a change inevitable. If so, the present is, in all respects, the most favorable moment for making it. It seems, therefore, desirable that a decision should be had and such a one as may determine the permanent policy of the Society in all instances to which the rule shall apply. And, though nothing but a sense of the necessity of the thing, and a desire to yield to others in all cases where a course of policy would seem to require something like a unanimous concurrence of the Executive Committee, in order to its practicability, would lead to the recommendation of a change of this kind. Yet, considering all aspects of the subject, your reporter would prepare the following resolution; viz.

1. Resolved, That, in view of the peculiar organization of this Society, and the considerations above mentioned, with others which might be mentioned, it be deemed inexpedient to appoint (or to superintend the labors and operations of) any missionaries, or assistant missionaries, but such as are in full connection with the Presbyterian Church, and come recommended by individuals or Presbyteries favorable to the sentiments and organization of this Society.

2. Resolved, That the preceding resolution have not a retrospective bearing,

so as to affect the standing or support of missionaries, or assistant missionaries, who have been already received, but be viewed as having a relation only to future applications from persons of other denominations for missionary appointments.

The subject of Mr. Brewer's relation to our Society was taken up. The minute on the subject of his reception was read; and, after some deliberation, it was resolved, That the arrangement which has heretofore existed remain unchanged until further information shall be received by the Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Herron, Swift, and Semple, be a committee to inquire into and report on, the expediency of continuing our present missions among the Western Indians - the Weas and the Iowas; the disposition of our property at the stations, if their discontinuance be deemed advisable; and to ascertain to what property Mr. Kerr will be entitled if it be found necessary for him, on account of the illness of his wife, to leave the station among the Weas.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, advising the Committee of the ill state of his health; mentioning the appointment of a missionary meeting in Murray Street Church; making inquiry respecting the outfit of Messrs. Craig and Morris; and expressing the opinion that the Committee ought, in present circumstances, to have no agency in attempting to transfer Rev. Mr. Schneider from the American Board to our Society, as proposed in an accompanying letter of Rev. J. N. C. Grier, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Castle.

On motion, The Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the outfit of Messrs. M'Combs and M'Clintock.

A letter was received from Mr. Orr, expressing his satisfaction with the act of the Committee, assigning him to the Presbytery of Bedford, as the missionary whom they will sustain by their contributions.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 16, 1837.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Cor. Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Swift, Hannen, Semple, and Thompson.

The Committee having been called with special reference to providing an outfit for Mr. Irwin, on motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Hannen and Semple be appointed a committee to attend to the making out of a list of Mr. Irwin's outfit, and to the purchase of the same.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, stating his continued ill-health, and his consequent inability to transact the business pertaining to his office.

A letter was received from Rev. David Field, acknowledging the receipt of the communications of the Committee in relation to the support of Mr. Brewer, and stating what has been done for this purpose by the Berkshire Board of Agency.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23, 1837.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Secretary and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Swift, Hannen, Semple, and Laughlin.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read.

Letters were received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, dated the 10th and 14th inst. in relation to the union of other Christian denominations with us in the work of foreign missions; noticing a resolution of an auxiliary society in Philadelphia to establish a boarding school in India; disapproving of the plan of a particular Presbytery undertaking the support of only one

Missionary, as unfavorable to more expensive beneficence; stating the wish of Rev. Nicholas Murray's church to sustain Mr. Henry R. Wilson as their missionary to India; and apprising the Committee that a ship of Marvin and Perkins is expected to sail from Boston for Calcutta about the middle of next month; and that the passage of missionaries, if they be eight or more in number, will cost \$250 each; if less, \$300 each.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary, Mr. Swift, write to the Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, stating that the Committee earnestly desire to send out early in the approaching spring, two reinforcements; one to the Mediterranean, now organizing; and another to India, if sufficient funds can be secured for both, and that they consider it very important that Mr. Wilson should be one of the latter; and requesting Mr. L. to converse with Mr. Craig, who is to be supported by our funds, in relation to his willingness to unite cordially with our missionaries in the work without raising any difficulty on account of denominational peculiarities.

A letter was received from Mr. Anderson, our General Agent for the West, dated at Oakland, Miss. on the 31st ult. stating that the Presbytery of Mississippi is decidedly favorable to our Board - that those of Clinton and Amite - now Louisiana - sustain the American Board; but the latter is friendly to our Society; suggesting to the Committee the importance of appointing a permanent agent for that region, and recommending Rev. Benj. Chase as a suitable man, and well qualified for the work.

The first annual report of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh was presented and read; showing that the Society has, during the last year, raised \$100, to be applied for the support of schools in India, at Sayrae, and among the Western Indians.

The Secretary, Mr. Swift, presented a draft of instructions, to be delivered to the members of the reinforcement of our Missions to the Mediterranean,

shortly to sail for Smyrna; which was read as far as time permitted, and particularly such parts as related to the most important topics, and was approved by the Committee.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 31, 1857.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Secretary, Mr. Swift, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift, Nevin, Semple, Laughlin, and W. H. Lowrie.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The committee on the union of other denominations with us in the Western Foreign Missionary Society reported, that they had paid attention to the duty assigned them; that, in their opinion, it is improper for the Committee to adopt any measures that must affect the standing and support of those missionaries, or assistants in the work of missions, belonging to other Christian denominations, who have been already received and approved; and they recommend also that the Executive Committee come to no decision, at present, on the question of receiving applicants from such denominations; but that the subject lie open for consideration, if, at any time, this shall be deemed necessary. On motion, this report was adopted.

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of continuing our stations among the Weas and Iowas, the disposition of property, &c. presented a report, which in part was adopted, and is as follows; viz.

1. That, it be recommended to the Executive Committee, in the final adjustment of their accounts with Rev. Joseph Kerr to retain the articles, household furniture, &c. taken by him to the station, and that, on his return, similar

articles, &c. be replaced, or the amount of costs of the same be defrayed by the Society.

2. Resolved, That, in consideration of the omission of any appropriation made to Mrs. Kerr as an outfit, on her entrance upon the service of the Society, that the sum of \$50 be allowed her for personal expenses incurred on account of the same.

A third resolution, favorable to the discontinuance of our present stations among the Weas and Iowas, was laid on the table for consideration at the next meeting.

A communication was received from Mr. James Duncan, offering himself as an assistant missionary, to be employed as a farmer at some station among the Indians; and, on motion, his application was laid on the table.

A letter was received from Rev. John A. Mitchell, asking information on several points - especially in relation to our contemplated mission to China. On motion, the subjects of Mr. Mitchell's inquiries were referred to the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift.

A communication was received from Rev. Josiah Brewer, containing a schedule of all the Protestant missions which have been established in the Mediterranean.

A letter was received from Mr. James Smith, of Nashville, Tenn. containing very favorable testimony to the character of Mr. Nesbet, and his qualifications for the employment of a printer. This testimony was confirmed by statements of Rev. Dr. Edgar, of Nashville, and Messrs. Saml. W. Seton, A. P. Halsey, and L. D. Dewey, of New York.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Nesbet be accepted as a missionary printer, to be connected with our mission to the Chinese.

The Assistant Clerk presented Mr. Wa. Allinder's bill for printing 2100 copies of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle for February proximo, amounting

to \$61.70, which, on motion, was ordered to be paid.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 1, 1837.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift, Hevin, Hannen, Semple, and Laughlin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The committee resumed the consideration of the question whether it be advisable to continue our missions to the Neas and Iowas; and, after some discussion, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next meeting.

The application of Mr. James Duncan was called up; and, on motion, the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, was instructed to write to him, and request him to be present at the next meeting, for the purpose of conversation with the Committee as to his views in desiring to engage in the missionary service.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Herron and Swift be a committee to prepare and report a draft of a paper, to be printed and forwarded to pastors and sessions, requesting them to certify to us the regular church membership, soundness in the faith, and good standing, piety, prudence, and other qualifications, of such applicants for missionary appointments as may be connected with the churches under their care.

A communication was received from Dr. James Wilson Copes, offering his services as a missionary physician, to be employed in India, or any other field which the Committee may designate; and expressing his desire of some correspondence on the subject.

His application was accompanied by a letter from Rev. Dr. Matthew Brown, stating that the Christian character and deportment of Dr. Copes, when a student at Jefferson College, was good - that his talents are respectable, and his manners agreeable; and he, accordingly recommends him to the Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That the application lie on the table, and that the Secretary, Mr. Swift, write to Dr. Copes on the subject, according to his request.

A letter was received from Rev. John M. C. Grier, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Castle, in relation to the transfer of Rev. Benjamin Schneider, and the missionary station with which he is connected, from the American Board to the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary, Mr. Swift, write to Mr. Grier, informing him that the Committee cannot, consistently with the principles by which they are governed, and in the present state of things, take any measures to effect the object proposed in his letter.

A communication was received from Rev. Benj. F. Spilman, dated Jan. 10 ult. containing a report of his agency in Illinois and Indiana during the quarter which had then expired; from which it appeared that he had preached 68 sermons, delivered 32 addresses, received contributions to the amount of \$91.12½, and \$6 for the Foreign Missionary Chronicle; while his expenses had been \$17.50; and that he had organized 11 Auxiliary Missionary Societies.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 7th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 8, 1837.

The Executive Committee, having been unable to make a quorum yesterday, met to-day at the call of the Secretary and Chairman, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift, Hennen, Laughlin, and W. H. Lowrie.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Cor. Secretary, Mr. Swift, reported that he had attended to the items of business assigned to him at the last meeting.

Rev. Jacob Wolff and James Duncan being present, the Committee entered into a free conversation with them, in reference to their views and motives in desiring to engage in the missionary work.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Duncan be accepted as an assistant missionary, to be employed as a farmer at some station among the Indians.

Resolved, That the Committee will appoint Mr. Wolff, as a missionary to the Indians, provided that the brethren of the Presbytery of which he is a member recommend him as possessing suitable qualifications for the missionary service; and that the Secretary correspond with some of those brethren upon this subject.

A communication was received from Rev. Colin M'Iver, Stated Clerk of the Synod of North Carolina, containing a statement of the proceedings of that Synod, at their sessions in November last, upon the subject of Foreign Missions.

A communication was received from Rev. Robert Dilworth, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery Beaver, containing resolutions of that body in favor of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, and engaging to use their best endeavors to raise \$1200, during the current year, to aid in redeeming the pledge of the Synod to raise \$15,000.

A letter was received from Rev. Alexander M'Candless, pastor of the churches of Long Run and M'Keesport, stating, that, by a plan of monthly contribution, they expect to raise between three and four hundred dollars; part of which will be paid to our Treasurer, and part to the Treasurer of the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

A letter was received from Rev. Andrew Vance, of Blount County, E. Tennessee, expressing much interest in the Western Foreign Missionary Society; stating

that, as an executor of his father's estate, he has a small legacy in his hand, which he desires to remit to our Treasurer, and requesting information of the proper means of transmission, and that a copy of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle may be forwarded to him.

On motion, the Assistant Clerk was instructed to communicate to Mr. Vance the information which he desires.

A communication was received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, dated the 31st ult. containing some notice, of his ill health during thirty days preceding, and some remarks on the prospects of sending out missionaries to Smyrna and India; expressing his purpose of visiting the churches of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and the church of Mr. Backus in Baltimore, if the state of his health will permit; and stating that Mr. Wilson will, for several weeks, attend the medical lectures in Philadelphia, and, on the Sabbaths, present the claims of our Society to the churches of that City.

A letter was received from Mr. Thomas Brown, our missionary printer at Smyrna, requesting that a supply of Greek and Turkish type, and other articles necessary in a printing office, may be procured and forwarded with the reinforcement of our mission to the Mediterranean, to sail ere long for Smyrna; and proposing the appointment of his wife's sister, now resident at New Haven, Vt. as an assistant in said mission. (?)

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Reese Morris, of Philadelphia, be requested to procure the type and the other articles mentioned in Mr. Brown's letter, and that a bill for the whole may be forwarded, with an order for payment at fifteen days from sight; and that the Assistant Clerk inform Mr. Morris of this resolution, and forward to him a list of the articles wanted. The subject of the appointment of the young lady referred to was deferred for future consideration.

A letter was received from Miss Nancy Henderson, in relation to Indian Missions, and the necessity of a minister of the Gospel to superintend the mission

to the Iowas; and requesting information of the time when our mission family for the West will leave this city. and the As. Clerk was instructed to inform her of the probable time of their departure.

A report from Mr. Kerr of the receipts and expenditures of the Mission to the Weas from July 15 to December 28, 1836, was presented; from which it appeared that there remained in his hand at the latter date \$134.02.

A letter was also received from Mr. Kerr, in which he gives some information of the health of our missionaries among the Indians, and asks permission to retire from the missionary service, solely on account of the continued ill health of Mrs. Kerr, which renders it improbable that she will ever be able to endure the labors of a missionary life.

On motion, Resolved, That, while the Committee sincerely sympathize with Brother Kerr in the afflictions which have compelled him to tender his request to be dismissed from the service of the Board; and, while this Committee, in view of these things, do freely grant his request, they desire that, if he can, consistently with his view of duty, perform the service, that he accompany our expedition, about to be sent up the river - take charge of the same, and attend to its location before he return from the Western Field.

The consideration of the report of the committee in reference to the continuance of our missions to the Weas and Iowas was resumed; and, after some discussion, the following resolutions were adopted; viz.

Resolved, That the stations at Wea and Iowa be continued for the present, Messrs. Bradley and Duncan being assigned to the former, and Mr. Ballard, with Mrs. Ballard and such other persons as the Committee may appoint, to the latter.

Resolved, That Rev. Joseph Kerr, in connection with Dr. Hitchcock and Mr. Irwin, be appointed, as early in the spring as practicable, to proceed up the Missouri river, with a view of making a location among the Mandans, if the way be open for such expedition, to be undertaken and pursued on principles herein after

specified; and the Assistant Clerk was instructed to inform Dr. Hitchcock of this resolution, in order that he may be prepared to go as a member of this expedition.

A letter was received from Mr. Isaac N. Shepherd, of Clinton, Miss. on the subject of missions, and the importance of appointing an agent of our Society for that region; and making some inquiries, which, for answer, were referred to the Secretary, Mr. Swift.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 25, 1837.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliot, Swift, Nevin, Hannen, and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Rev. John C. Lowrie, having arrived in this city from India, attended the meeting of the Committee.

The Assistant Clerk stated, that he had performed the items of Correspondence committed to him at the last meeting.

Several communications, of different dates, were received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, and read.

In a letter, dated at New York, on the 9th inst. he expresses the opinion, from information received, that it is inexpedient to send a printer to Calcutts; and that, in addition to recommendations of applicants for missionary appointments, some member of the Committee should have a personal interview with each; and presenting views unfavorable to an attempt, at this time, to establish a mission among the Mandan Indians.

In a letter of the 11th inst. he states, that Messrs. Offley and Williams,

of New York, will soon have a vessel up for Smyrna, in which our missionaries may have a passage at \$100 each; suggesting the necessity of an immediate transmission of their boxes to Philadelphia; and expressing his purpose, if able, to visit Albany, Troy, and some churches in the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

In his letter of the 13th inst. he mentions the receipt of letters from our missionaries in India which painfully show their want of funds for their own support, and to enable them to carry on their operations for the benefit of the heathen; and advises the Committee of the efforts which he had used to obtain an amount sufficient to meet their pressing demands.

In his letter of the 15th, he submits considerations to show the impropriety of sending out a mission family, at present, to commence a mission among the Indians on the Upper Missouri, on account of the deficiency of funds, and the want of competent information respecting the condition of the Indians in that region; and also, assigning reason why Dr. Hitchcock cannot be a member of the proposed mission to the Mandans.

A letter was received from Dr. Hitchcock stating the impracticability of his going out within the time limited by the Committee, and that his mind has been led by its own workings, and from conversation with others, toward some field in the East.

The Executive Committee, in reviewing their resolution, passed at the last meeting, to send a Mission Family, this spring, to the Mandans, resolved, That in consideration of all the circumstances now presented, unfavorable to this enterprise, it is expedient and necessary to postpone the commencement of said mission until the way shall be more fully prepared - that, in consequence, the appointment of Dr. Hitchcock be revoked, and that Mr. Irwin be connected with our mission to the Iowas.

Letters, in answer to short circulars of the Secretary, were received from Rev. James Snodgrass, George W. Warner, and James B. Morrow, containing

statements respecting the qualifications of Mr. Wolff for the missionary work; that of the first being favorable, and those of the two latter, adverse to his appointment.

A letter was received from Mr. James Patterson, stating that the first Presbyterian Sabbath School of Steubenville, Ohio, desire to defray the expenses of educating a native boy in Northern India, to be selected by Mrs. Eliza G. Wilson, and named Ephraim Thornton M'Lean - & that \$20 have been raised for this object.

Two letters, addressed to the Cor. Secretaries, Messrs. Lowrie and Swift, were received from Rev. Francis M'Farland, Cor. Secretary of the General Assembly's Board of Education, proposing that anniversaries of the Board of Education and Missions of the Assembly, and of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, may be held in this city, to commence on the 10th of May next, and previously in Louisville.

On motion, the Committee acceded to this proposition, and appointed Messrs. Elliot, Swift, and Hannen, as a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

A communication was received from Rev. Wm. C. Anderson, containing a report of his agency within the bounds of the Presbytery of Mississippi; stating his purpose to visit New Orleans and Mobile, and spend three months in Alabama; hoping that, with the amount received, collections within the year in that region of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama, will amount to from four to six thousand dollars; and suggesting the propriety of appointing Rev. Samuel Wilson as a permanent agent for those States.

A letter was received from Rev. James Coe, dated Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 10, stating that he commenced his agency on the 27th December last, and has since been constantly employed in the work within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Miami, Oxford, Cincinnati, and Marion - more especially in the first mentioned; taking subscriptions, and receiving payments as far as practicable at the time, and leaving

it to Sessions to complete the collections, as they did faithfully last year; expressing the hope that his first month's agency will result in the collection of from four to six hundred dollars; and requesting that copies of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle may be sent to several donors and subscribers.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 24, 1837.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliot, Swift, Nevin, Hannen, and Laughlin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A joint letter, from Messrs. Newton and Wilson, our missionaries in India, with a postscript by Mr. Campbell, of our second reinforcement, was received and read; apprising the Committee, that their treasury is exhausted, and they are reduced to great difficulties from the want of funds requisite for their support, and for carrying on their operations for the benefit of the heathen. Extracts were also read from letters, by them addressed to Mr. J. C. Lowrie, upon the same subject.

Mr. Lowrie, being present, the Committee entered into a free conversation with him upon the subject of our mission to India, the salaries and incidental expenses of the missionaries; and Mr. Lowrie presented and read an estimate of the funds which he thinks will be requisite to meet the expenses of the mission for the current year at the different stations of Lodiana, Sabathu, and Saharunpore, where a branch of the mission is about to be established.

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the expenses of sundry books purchased in Philadelphia by Mr. J. C. Lowrie, for the use of the

English school at Lodianna when the bill for them shall be duly rendered by Mr. Lowrie.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 25, 1837.

The Executive Committee met agreeably to a call of the Secretary, Mr. Swift, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Baird, Elliot, Swift, and Thompson.

A communication was received from Mr. William Wilson Bonnell, offering his services as a teacher in connection with our mission to the Mediterranean, and expressing his desire of going out with our reinforcement, soon to sail for Smyrna. His application was attended with very satisfactory testimonials as to his good character and suitable qualifications for the missionary work, from the officers of Washington College, in which he had been a student.

After some consideration of the case presented, the following resolutions were adopted; viz.

On motion, Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in ordinary circumstances, no young man engaged in the regular course of education for the Gospel ministry, should be sent to any of our foreign stations in the capacity of teacher until such course of theological education is regularly completed.

Resolved, that the Secretary communicate to Mr. Bonnell a copy of this resolution; and apprise him of the satisfaction of the Committee with his credentials, and of the grounds on which his application has been, for the present, declined.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 1, 1857.

The Executive Committee met on the call of the Chairman, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Swift, Hannen, and Thompson.

The Secretary presented a copy of the communication which he had addressed to Mr. Bonnell, in pursuance of the instructions of the Committee, and which is as follows:-

"Your letter, offering yourself to the service of the Western Foreign Missionary Society as a teacher for the Smyrna Mission, was duly received and laid before the Executive Committee. I am authorized by them to apprise you, that they were well satisfied with your letter, and also with the recommendations which accompanied it; and that they entertain the hope that you may be eventually permitted and enabled to enter the foreign field, agreeably to your wishes. They think, however, in the first place, that it is inexpedient for them to make any addition, at this time, to the re-inforcement about to be sent to the Mediterranean; and, in the second place, they think it inexpedient for you to go out until you have passed through a regular course of theological studies. They accordingly adopted the following resolution (see the first resolution passed Feb. 25, page 629).

I have only to add, my dear sir, that you will perceive the decision of the Committee in this case is not grounded on any want of satisfaction, as to your proper qualifications, but simply upon what the Committee deem the general interests of the cause itself.- I am with sincere regard, yours, &c."

A desire having been manifested by some of the members of the Committee to inquire into the expediency of re-considering the vote that was taken at the last meeting, in reference to the application of Mr. Bonnell, it was resolved to hear an oral statement from him upon this subject; which he accordingly made, embracing in it his collegiate course of study, his views and motives in offering his services as a teacher in our Mediterranean Mission, and the arrangements which he

had made for going out with our re-inforcement to Smyrna; engaging, if he were appointed, to raise, by his own exertions and the aid of his friends in Philadelphia, funds for his outfit and for his support for one year; and expressing his confidence that the General Assembly's Board of Education, by whom he had been sustained in part, will not object to his going out as a teacher, without having previously completed his theological studies, while he designs to prosecute them in Smyrna.

After hearing this statement, the Committee spent some time in considering what course ought to be pursued, in view of all the circumstances of this case, but, without coming to any decision. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 2, 1857.

The Executive Committee met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Patterson, Baird, Swift, Hannen, Thompson, and W. H. Lowrie.

The Committee having called Mr. Patterson to the Chair pro tem. resumed the consideration of the case of Mr. Bonnell; and, after spending some time in deliberation, agreed to have a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

4 o'clock, P.M.

The Committee convened according to agreement.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliot, Swift, Nevin, Hannen, Thompson, and Lowrie.

The Committee proceeded in the consideration of the case of Mr. Bonnell; but, at length, resolved to forbear, at present, any definitive action upon this subject - that the application lie on the table - that the Secretary, Mr. Swift,

address a letter to our Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, now in New York, giving him a full and particular statement of this case; requesting him to converse with Mr. Bonnell, who is expected to call on him; and advise the Committee, as soon as practicable, of his views as to the most eligible course to be pursued in the case;- that Mr. Baird, by letter, inform Mr. Bonnell of the resolution of the Committee, postponing final action, at present, on his application, and suggest to him the expediency of conferring with Mr. Lowrie on this subject; and that Dr. Elliot write to Dr. M'Conaughy, giving such explanations as may prevent any misunderstanding of the course which the Committee deemed it advisable to adopt.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Bradley be allowed \$10 additional to the sum already appropriated for his use.

On motion, Resolved, that Miss Nancy Henderson be connected, as a member, with our mission family among the Weas.

On motion, the Assistant Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Irwin, that the reinforcement of our missions among the Indians are expected to leave this port on Monday the 13th inst. and that the Committee desire him to be present, in readiness to go with them.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary or Chairman, and concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh, March 10, 1857

The Executive Committee met at the call of the Secretary, and constituted with prayer.

Present, Messrs. Herron, Patterson, Baird, Elliot, Swift, Nevin, and Hannen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Secretary, Mr. Swift, presented and read a copy of a letter which, in compliance with the instructions of the Committee, he had written and transmitted

to Mr. Lowrie, our Cor. Secretary, now in N. York, in reference to the application of Mr. Bonnell; and Messrs. Baird and Elliot severally reported that they had attended to the parts of correspondence which the Committee had assigned to them.

On motion, Resolved, that the Secretary, Mr. Swift, write to the President and Professors of Jefferson College, requesting information respecting the character of Mr. Bonnell and his qualifications for the missionary service.

On motion, Resolved, That Messrs. Hannen, Patterson, and Thompson, be a committee to make all necessary preparations for sending out Messrs. Bradley and Irwin, with their partners, and Mr. Duncan, to the stations to which they have been assigned among the Indians; and to make arrangements for a prayer meeting in their behalf before they embark, to be held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church; and communicate notice of the time and place of the meeting to the pastors of the Presbyterian churches in this city, requesting them to announce it from their respective pulpits.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Kerr be authorized to bring with him one or two promising Indian boys, in order that they may be educated in this country, and trained for usefulness.

The committee of arrangements in reference to the anniversaries, proposed to be held this spring, presented their report, which, as far as it respected Louisville, Ky. was adopted; but, in regard to Pittsburgh, it was agreed to postpone the anniversaries until the next meeting of our Synod, when, it is believed, they can be held with greater convenience and with superior effect.

A letter was received from James M. Ray, Esq. apprizing the Committee of information received, through Mr. Thomas Brown, of difficulties in the Mediterranean mission, arising from the want of sufficient funds and other matters; and requesting information as to the best disposition which can be made of a box of clothing, books, &c. put up at Indianapolis for the use of Mr. and Mrs. Brown; and the Secretary was

instructed to advise the immediate transmission of the box to this city.

Two letters were received from Mr. Brewer, relating chiefly to the pecuniary wants of our missionaries at Smyrna, and the causes of their embarrassments; but giving some account of the operation of their press in printing tracts and a small newspaper, and recommending the appointment of some female teachers.

A letter was received from the Cor. Secretary, Mr. Lowrie, dated on the 1st inst. stating that a vessel, for Smyrna, would sail from Boston within about a month, and one from N. York in about three weeks from the arrival of one which is daily expected.

A letter was received from Rev. I.W.Scott, Professor in the Miami University; stating that when Messrs. Porter and Rogers set out for India, they were indebted to individuals to the amount of \$133.56, for which Dr. Bishop and himself, (Mr. Scott) became responsible, on the strength of a letter from the Secretary, that the Society would liquidate the debts; that the Presbytery of Oxford recently passed an order to their Treasurer to pay over to Messrs. Bishop and Scott any moneys collected for the Society within their bounds, to be applied to the payment of said debts until they shall be fully liquidated; and that, for this purpose \$93.37 have been received.

A letter was received from R. Y. Finley, dated at Natchez, Mi. Feb. 3, stating that the Colonization Societies of Mississippi and Louisiana, having procured territory on the coast of Africa, with a view to establish colonies upon it, intend despatching a vessel for that place from New Orleans about the 1st of April next, and proffering to afford us facilities to forward in her either missionaries or freight.

The Assistant Clerk presented the bill of Mr. William Allinder for printing the Foreign Missionary Chronicle for March inst. amounting to \$61.25, which was ordered to be paid.

A letter was received from Miss Ann H. Danagh, stating that a female missionary society has been recently organized at New Castle, Del. containing a copy of their constitution and a statement of the funds raised for our Society, to be applied to support our mission at Lodianna.

On motion, the Assistant Clerk was appointed to superintend the removal the office of the Society from this room before the 1st of April, employing needed aid, and drawing on the Treasury for paying the expense.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary, and concluded with prayer.

WESTERN FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Bye Laws for the Direction of the

Executive Committee

Pittsburgh, May 27, 1854 - page 129.

The Committee appointed to prepare a set of Bye Laws for the regulation of the proceedings of the Executive Committee reported the following; which were approved and adopted.

1. The stated meetings of the Committee shall be on the last Tuesday of every month; and intermediate meetings as the urgency of the cause may require.

2. The hours of attendance shall be from nine to twelve in summer, and from ten to half after twelve in winter.

3. If a quorum does not appear in fifteen minutes after the time of meeting, those present are authorized & expected to adjourn or retire.

4. All the meetings of the Committee shall be opened and closed with prayer.

5. After prayer the minutes shall be read, and then such communications as may have been received, unless the Committee shall see fit to dispense with it in whole or in part.

6. A Docket shall be prepared by the Secretary or his assistant, from the minutes and communications, of such matters as require the action of the Committee.

7. The Committee shall then proceed to the consideration of those subjects that appear of the greatest importance, or may require the immediate action of the Committee.

8. Discussions shall be governed by the same rules that have been adopted by our ecclesiastical judicatories, so far as they may be found applicable.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 20, 1834.

The following Bye Law was proposed and adopted; viz. Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary keep a Daily Journal of his official trans-actions, and, in case of his absence, leave the same with the Assistant Secretary - that the Executive Committee, at their meetings, may know what letters have been received and answered - what communications made to correspondents; and further, that the Cor. Secretary suggest such subjects as, in his opinion, may deserve the attention of the Executive Committee in his absence. (See page 260)